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### Waveland Little League sign-ups

Waveland Little League will hold a final extended registration for baseball this Saturday, March 31, at 9 a.m. at Elmwood Bourgeois Ballfield on Central Avenue for all age groups. For more information, call 466-2634.

### Word of Faith's anniversary gala

Word of Faith Christian Fellowship's 22nd annual Anniversary Convention is Friday through Sunday, with services beginning at 7 p.m. Friday; 6 p.m. Saturday; and 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Guest speakers include the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Stern of Encouragers Unlimited. The church is located at 103 Old Spanish Trail, Waveland. For more, call 467-4488.

### Krewe of Peter Claver dinner

The Krewe of Peter Claver Knights and Ladies will host a benefit fish dinner on Friday, April 6, starting at 11 a.m. at the hall on 447 Easterbrook St. Call 324-5590 or 669-4400. \$5 donation.

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## Baby murder trial still going

BY ED LEPOMA  
Staff Writer

The fate of John Seeling IV of Destrehan may depend on the weight jurors give a taped confession on which Seeling admitted he killed the infant child he was baby-sitting.

Seeling, 33, has been held without bond in the Hancock County Justice Facility since the May 29, 1999 death of Draven Archer, the five-and-a-half month child of his girlfriend, Sheree Archer, over a Memorial Day weekend.

He is charged with capital murder and if found guilty, could face the death penalty.

Chief prosecutor and assistant District Attorney Chris Schmidt gave every indication he may seek the death penalty if Seeling is found guilty. During jury selection, Schmidt asked each potential juror over and over again whether he or she could impose a death penalty.

Jury selection from a pool of 100 registered voters began Monday morning

and took all day. Eventually, a panel of 12 jurors and two alternates was selected. They included six women and eight white males. There is only one African-American on the panel, a female, and one of the women is pregnant. The jury is sequestered in a local motel for the length of the trial.

Circuit Judge Kosta Vlahos allowed Seeling's taped confession admitted as evidence during the second day of trial

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Testimony is scheduled to continue today in the capital murder trial of John Seeling IV, accused of the May 1999 beating death of an infant.

Echo file photo

## Everybody's a Winner



Participants from homes and organizations all over southern Mississippi met Saturday to compete at the 19th annual Special Olympics at Stennis Space Center. Volunteers from all walks of life helped to make the event a success.

## Special Olympics at Stennis

BY BENNIE  
SHALLBETTER  
Staff Writer

On Saturday, Stennis Space Center was transformed from the usual busy workplace to a place of hope and accomplishment for many of our area's disabled citizens.

The 19th Annual Special Olympics Area III Games were declared officially open to a large crowd of volunteers, friends, family and participants Saturday.

The day began with a participants parade, each group carrying a home made banner announcing their affiliation. Prizes were awarded to the top

three banners. First prize went to Harrison County Child Development Center; second prize went to Biloxi Homes; and third prize went to South Mississippi Regional Center for their artistic efforts.

After the parade, everyone was seated for the opening remarks and presentations. One of the speakers, Naval Meteorology and

Oceanography Command Captain John Horsman told a story of his first insight as to just how important the yearly event was to the participants. "About three years ago, one of the participants in that year's games was diagnosed with a

terminal illness. The 'Make-a-Wish' Foundation, who grants the wishes of terminally ill children, asked the special athlete to name his most desired wish ... what he wanted was to

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## Police recover human skeleton

Remains found at I-10 6-mile marker

BY GEOFF BELCHER  
News Editor

Sheriff Steve Garber said yesterday that investigators are still trying to determine the identity of a man whose skeleton was found just of I-10 in Hancock County Tuesday.

"The remains were found ... near the Mississippi/Louisiana state line," according to a statement released by the Mississippi Department of Public Safety media director Warren Strain yesterday. "Two fishermen found the skeletal remains earlier this week while fishing for crawfish at the six-mile marker of I-10.

"Clothing and jewelry found

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## 'Malfunction Junction' suit filed by upset land owners

BY MARY G. SEILEY  
Staff Writer

Owners of a downtown apartment building are suing the city of Bay St. Louis and a construction company for \$225,000 in damages they claim occurred during the city's massive drainage improvement program.

The apartment sits on a corner at an area which was dubbed "malfunction junction" when the city's program ran into repeated difficulties. The intersection involves the

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# Residents turn out to oppose rubbish sites

BY ED LEPOMA  
Staff Writer

A small but vocal crowd turned out Monday night to oppose requests to allow three more rubbish sites in Hancock County.

The public hearing, held at the Civic Center on Longfellow Road, drew less than 25 residents, and no one appeared in support of any of the new dumping sites.

The meeting, which lasted a little over a half-hour, was conducted by Bill Johnson of Compton Engineering, which serves as consultant to Hancock County's Regional Solid Waste Authority.

Johnson explained that before the state Department of Environmental Quality permits any rubbish sites, the Authority must vote to amend its 20-year Solid Waste Plan, then hold a public hearing. If the Authority approves the sites, the applica-

tion is then sent on to DEQ for approval or denial.

The rubbish sites are used by those in the business of clearing land for business or residential development and by others in home renovation work. No household garbage is allowed to be dumped, but the sites can accept tree stumps and vegetation, and construction debris. There were three requests on the table:

- Joey Boudin is seeking to open an 80-acre rubbish site in the Bayou LaCroix Community off U.S. Hwy. 90 and Rifle Range Road.

- W.C. Fore Construction Company is seeking permission to open a 40-acre site in Bayou LaCroix, also located off Hwy. 90 and Rifle Range Road.

- TCB Construction has proposed a 25-acre site in the Catahoula Community off Hwy. 43 and Rifle Range Road. All three sites are within the buffer

zone surrounding the Stennis Space Center.

Dorothy Capanali, who lives at 20383 Hwy. 43 in Picayune, was among the most vocal opponents.

She said she had been collecting signatures of opponents since the Saturday before the hearing, and had obtained about 165 signatures of nearby residents.

Capanali said the Hwy. 43 site would be only six-tenths of a mile from her subdivision and there was already a rubbish site 1.8 miles further down Hwy. 43.

She said, for years, she lived in front of the Catahoula dump, and was frequently bothered by flies, mosquitoes and other pests.

"Do we need another dump? I don't think so," said Capanali. She said, "My house is for sale. I can't sell it."

She said, "More rubbish sites would affect my property and

the property behind me." Capanali said she had talked to someone at DEQ and was told, "It can stop right here," (meaning if the Authority does not approve the three sites, it would not be sent to DEQ).

Woodrow Ladner, 9080 Road 232, Picayune, told the audience, he opposed all three sites.

"If we keep digging holes in this county, where are we going to live? When are we going to stop this foolishness?" He said he feared the dumps would contaminate the water supply, the soil and the woods.

Greg Ladner, 9223 Road 232, Picayune, said the TCB site would be near his home, and he opposed it.

"Our homes are losing their value. If we're going to put another hole there, let's drop our property value by 25 percent," Ladner said. He said the heavy trucks hauling in the rubbish would also damage county

roads, adding to the expense of taxpayers.

Board of Supervisors President Rocky Pullman, who serves as chairman of the Authority, was present, but did not speak. Other Commissioners who attended included District 3 Supervisor Lisa

Cowand, Waveland Mayor Tommy Longo, former Mayor John Mason, and Bay City Councilman Tad Black.

The Authority meets again May 8, and may decide then whether it will approve the applications and send them on to DEQ.

## Olympics

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be able to come back to next year's games," said Horsman. "He did make it to the next year's games, but passed away about two weeks later ... but the fact that this was his most desired wish really made me understand just how special these games are to the people who participate in them each year."

Hundreds of individual volunteers and countless businesses help to make the special olympics a success each year. Participants compete in such events as dashes, soccer, volleyball, shotput, longjump, and a softball throw. Fun activities

such as frisbee toss, fishing, and basketball throw are also available to the athletes in between competitions. Volunteers coordinate events, serve food and drinks and work directly with individual athletes to make sure they arrive on time to events and to encourage competition. Participants come from all over South Mississippi for the one-day event.

## Rummage sale for Hope Haven

Waveland Community Organization (Helping Hands) and Hope Haven Children's Shelter are joining forces to stage a huge rummage sale March 31 at the Community Center's building at 521 Herlihy Street from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Center personnel will also be selling hamburgers, hot-dogs and sodas.

The monies raised will be used to benefit both organiza-

tions. Helping Hands will use the money to upgrade their center and their services for the local children, and Hope Haven will use the proceeds to take their children on trips this summer.

The two organizations are also planning a "community cleanup day" for later in the year.

For information, call Hope Haven at 467-7945 or Clarence Harris, 467-7043.

## The Ladies of St. Vincent dePaul to host luncheon

The Ladies of St. Vincent dePaul will host their annual spring luncheon Wednesday, April 4 at Annunciation Parish Hall, Kiln DeLisle Road just off Hwy. 603. The event includes a boutique which opens at 11:30 a.m. followed by the luncheon at 12:30. Tickets are \$10 per person. Proceeds will benefit the needy of Hancock County. To purchase tickets or for information, call Audrey at 255-1091 or Jackie at 255-8735.

## 'Phantom' plays at Diamondhead

Casino Magic and the Diamondhead Performing Arts Society will present a screening of the silent classic "The Phantom of the Opera" on Sunday, April 8 at its annual benefit gala.

The Cinémathèque Québécoise of Canada commissioned Gabriel Thibault to compose an original orchestral score to accompany the film.

Since its premier performances in 1990, it has enjoyed an extensive run in major cities throughout the world.

Soprano Nancy Ross sings the role of the captive Christine, with the L'Octeur de France orchestral ensemble under the direction of the composer.

The event begins at 7 p.m. at Diamondhead Country Club.

Tickets are available at the door and at Diamondhead Discount Drugs. Adult admission is \$15; students, \$3.50. For more information, call Patsy or Bill Gudritz at 255-6049.

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## Murder -- Seeling trial

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in the historic Hancock County Courthouse.

The tape was made in the presence of then-Hancock County Chief Investigator Nathan Hoda (who is now retired) and investigating deputy Kenny Hurt. Seeling was brought into the jail for questioning the day after the child was pronounced dead at Hancock Medical Center. Both Hoda and Hurt testified before jurors that Seeling was appraised of his rights to say nothing and his right to have an attorney present, but he signed a waiver of those rights. During the taping, Hurt repeatedly asked Seeling if he wanted to continue and if he needed an attorney, and Seeling said he wanted to continue.

Jurors showed little emotion and did not look at Seeling when the tape was played to a hushed courtroom. Seeling sat at the table between defense attorneys Harry Ward and Tom Berry wearing a gray blazer, black pants and red tie. He did not look up at jurors, and continued taking notes on a white legal pad while the tape was being played.

On the tape, Seeling is heard saying that Draven woke up from a nap and would not stop crying. "I kept shaking and shaking her, and threw her down on the floor," he said. "I got frustrated."

He said he picked the baby off the floor, then held her mouth and slammed her face forward against a wall. "I just lost my cool," he said.

Seeling is heard sobbing during the taping, and near the end, he expressed his sorrow to Sheree Archer and her family. "I know I desperately need help. It's too late now. I went too far," he sobbed. Seeling blamed a history of drinking for his problems.

Sheree Archer was the first witness called by the prosecution. She said she had been dating Seeling for about three months, and he frequently commuted on weekends from Destrehan to her residence at 5041 Dogwood Drive off Texas Flat Road in Kiln. She was questioned by assistant DA John Gargiulo.

Archer described how a day

that started out as a family outing ended in tragedy. She said she and Seeling, her oldest daughter, Desiree, and Seeling's mother, had breakfast at McDonald's, then spent part of the day at the Beau Rivage casino in Biloxi, later returning to Kiln to have dinner at Rooster's restaurant, then went home.

She said Desiree wanted to be taken to spend the night at her father's home in Bayside Park. Before she left, Archer said she bathed Draven to get her ready for a nap, and Seeling was feeding her when she left for Bayside Park with her other daughter and Seeling's mother.

"I told her (Draven) I loved her when I left," Archer said, breaking into tears.

She said she dropped Desiree off at her father's house, then stopped at Sav-a-Center in Waveland, where someone paged her on the phone, and a neighbor told her Draven was being transported to Hancock Medical. She said she knew Draven was dead when medical personnel brought her to the chapel the minute she arrived. Archer said she passed out. "The next time I saw her (Draven) she was dead -- lying on the table -- with all the tubes in her," said Archer.

Deputy Sheriff Mike Delacruz testified he was dispatched to the residence on Dogwood Lane after Seeling called 911 to report the baby was choking, and requested assistance.

He said he entered the residence around 8:07 p.m., followed by American Medical Response emergency medical technicians.

Delacruz said Seeling was straddling the baby, and "appeared to be hysterical."

Delacruz escorted the AMR vehicle to the emergency room, and he said at the residence, he noticed the child appeared to have a large bruise between her head and left shoulder. He said he called Hoda and Hancock County Coroner Norma Stiglet to the hospital and they arrived around 10 p.m.

Delacruz said the two interviewed Seeling in the ER, and Seeling told them he was feeding the child and she began

choking. He said Seeling told them he did not know how to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation and began hitting Draven on her back with his clenched fist to get her to spit out the food and began breathing again.

In the opening defense, Ward told jurors the DA failed to bring out the fact that Draven had a heart condition since birth, and she suffered from apnea, a condition where she stopped breathing for a short interval of time, and her mother was given a heart monitor for her.

Ward said the child also had a reflux or digestive problem, and sometimes choked while she was being fed baby food.

The defense argued that Draven's mother testified she had fallen from the bed to the floor several weeks before her death and told Seeling in a letter (he produced) that Draven was "black and blue." Archer earlier testified that Draven fell in the playpen, fell on a toy and blackened her eye.

Daniel Adamson, a paramedic with AMR, testified for the prosecution that he was called to the scene and was the attendant in charge.

He said when he arrived the baby was lying flat on her back on the floor, and Seeling "was on his hands and knees at the foot of the child."

Adamson said, "There was no pulse, no breathing" coming from Draven, and he began to clear her air passage, and prepare her for transportation to the hospital.

Wednesday morning's session was taken up by testimony from Dr. David Fontaine, the local pediatrician called to Hancock Medical by the ER doctor soon after Draven arrived.

Berry tried to limit Fontaine's opinion as to the cause of death, but Vlahos ruled the physician could testify about what he saw, based on his examination of the child and on chest X-rays and a CT scan, which he later ordered.

Fontaine is a board-certified pediatrician, licensed to practice in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. He said he often was called by the state Department

of Human Resources and law enforcement agencies to "evaluate possible child abuse."

When he arrived in the emergency room to investigate Draven's case, Fontaine said, there was a tube in the child's trachea, and he inserted a larger one, then injected drugs in attempts to revive a heart beat.

He said Draven was "essentially unconscious...there was no heartbeat," and her eyes were in a comatose state. He said he was unable to detect a pulse anywhere, and after 19 minutes, pronounced the child dead.

Fontaine said he noticed a bruise under the left lower eye, hemorrhaging behind the retina in both eyes, a bruise on the left nostril and septum and "red dots" on the back of the neck, indicating some capillaries had burst. He said there were also bruises on the child's lower neck and upper back, and they could have possibly been caused by Seeling punching on Draven's back in attempts to dislodge food.

"The injuries were rather suspicious," said Fontaine. He said he ordered chest X-rays and a body scan, and pictures taken before the autopsy was performed.

He said he felt the need to alert Human Resources and law enforcement officials.

"My opinion at the time was the child had been abused or beaten," said Fontaine.




Defense attorney Tom Berry made several motions for a mistrial, all denied by Vlahos. Berry said Schmidt's repeated questions about how jurors felt about the death penalty had already prejudiced the panel.

During the course of the trial, the prosecution conceded no DNA testing was ordered from fibers or wood chips at the residence, but other testing did show the child was not sexually molested, and Seeling also denied that in his taped confession.

Testimony is expected to continue today and possibly Friday.

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## Suit -- Malfunction Junction

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Hancock, Blaize, Union and Toulme streets.

Sidney A. Sandoz and Nicholas M. Haas allege in a Circuit Court lawsuit that the city's contractor, Kappa Development and General Contracting Co., of Gulfport, began massive, unauthorized excavations on property immediately adjacent to their apartment building. The excavated area actually is part of the private property, and is designated on a plat as a parking lot, according to the suit.

The excavation was so "drastic and encompassing, so as to cause structural and other damages to apartment complex" owned by the plaintiffs, the suit claims. And the suit claims that tenants of the

apartment building were denied access to their units during the construction process.

Aside from damages to the building, the suit claims that the city failed to get appraisals and offer to buy the land before beginning the work.

In addition, installation of the drainage facilities was done incorrectly, resulting in more

flooding at the plaintiffs' property, the suit contends.

It seeks punitive damages in the amount of \$100,000 for the defendants' "reckless, wanton and continuous disregard of the rights of the plaintiffs and damages to their property." It also seeks \$100,000 in compensatory damages and \$25,000 for the alleged unauthorized taking of the property.

## Supervisors at odds on another appointment

BY ED LEPOMA  
Staff Writer

Hancock County supervisors are again at odds over an appointment to another Board.

At the Board's March 5 meeting, District 4 Supervisor Steve Seymour gained a temporary delay in appointing John Barnett to the Kiln Water and Fire Protection District to replace Cleveland Wyatt, who recently died.

Seymour said he had been getting calls from others wanting to serve on the five-member board, which is in the midst of expanding water service in the area.

He was granted the delay after supervisors voted to meet privately with members of the District and volunteer firemen, but District 1 Supervisor Jeep Ladner said he didn't want to see (the appointment) "drag out like in Diamondhead." (That appointment of Ray Murphy to a vacancy was held up since last November when District 3 Supervisor Lisa Coward and District 4 Supervisor Jay Cuevas differed over who should fill the position).

Barnett's appointment was approved at the Board's March 14 meeting by a unanimous vote, but Seymour said he wanted it known, "This is not my appointment."

Seymour later said he did not meet members of the Water and Fire Protection District, but Board President Rocky Pullman and Cuevas did.

He said he felt the makeup of the District was now a little lopsided, with Glen Stockstill the only member selected from District 4.

The other four Commissioners, Tim Cameron, C.J. Mauffray, Larry Ladner, and now, Barnett, are from District 5.

Seymour said the District encompasses parts of his District 4, part of District 2 represented by Pullman and part of District 5 represented by Cuevas, and the Kiln area are among the fastest growing parts of Hancock County.

Seymour said the Board should give serious consideration to expanding the District membership to seven members from the present five.

County attorney Gerald Gex said the membership could be increased with a private and local bill passed by the state legislature, but he felt it was late to introduce the legislation in the current session.

Gex added, however, he did not think a private and local bill could expand the boundaries of the Water and Fire Protection District.

## Shrimping waters open north of Intracoastal Waterway

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) has approved the opening of all waters north of the Intracoastal Waterway in Mississippi territorial waters to shrimping, March 30 at 12:01 a.m.

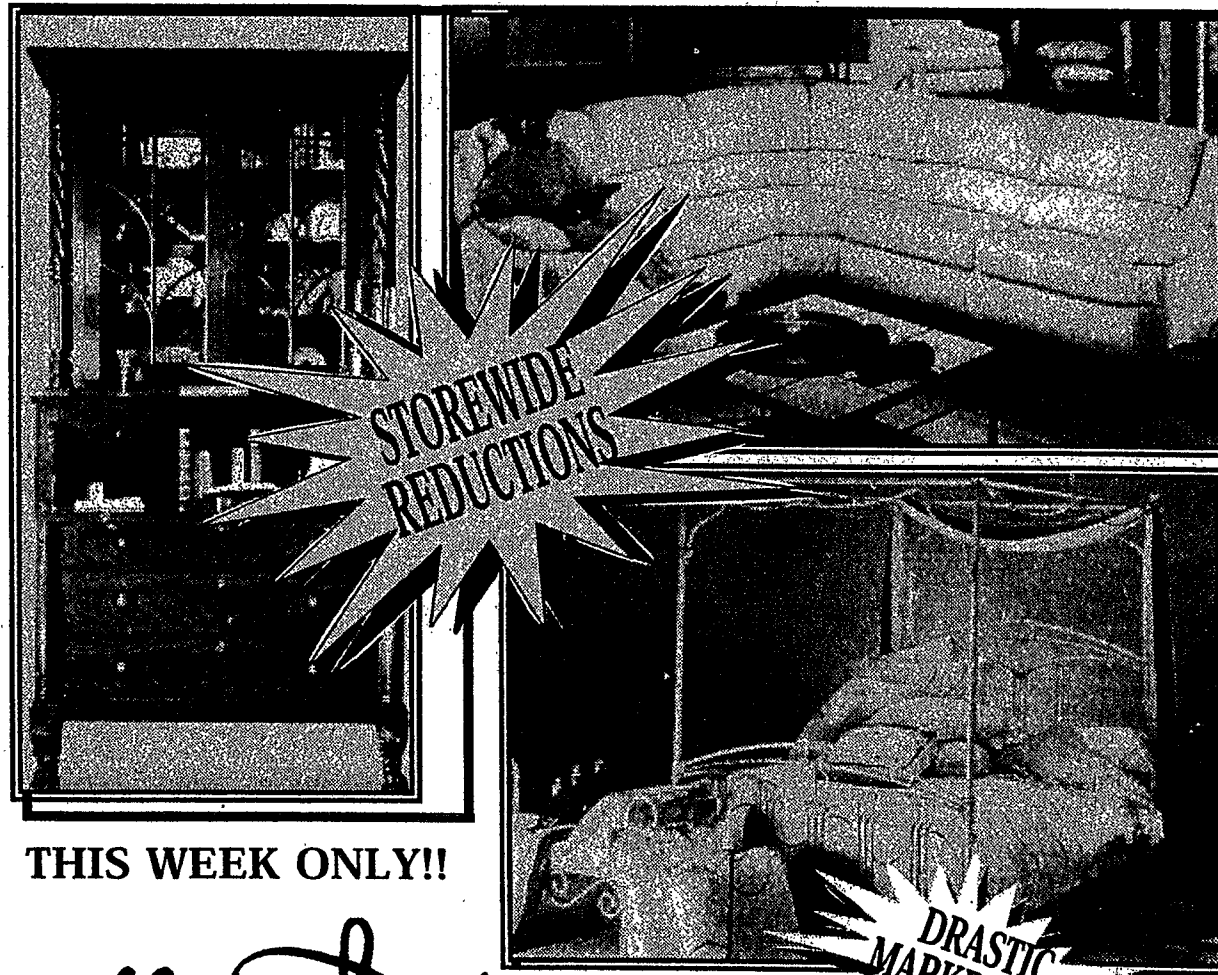
This area will close April 23 at 12:01 a.m. If biological sampling indicates a movement of large numbers of juvenile brown shrimp into this area, the area will be closed immediately.

All regulations set forth in ordinances of the DMR are to be in full force and effect, and all boats engaged in catching or transporting shrimp in or from Mississippi waters must be legally licensed.

## FURNITURE INVENTORY CLOSEOUT!!

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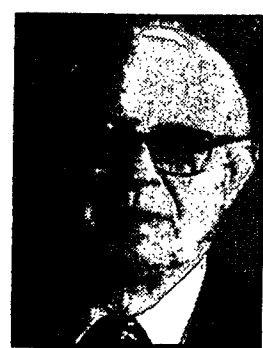


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## Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas  
Publisher Emeritus

This is just a reminder that Sunday will be the time to "spring forward" one hour with our clocks.

I am sure there will be folks who will forget to set their clocks ahead one hour before retiring Saturday night and will attempt to attend church as a service ends.

For myself, I wish the powers that be would stick to one time and forget daylight savings time. It just seems to cause more problems than necessary in making the change twice a year.

But, since I do not have any say-so, I have to go along with the crowd.

Many of us have been complaining about our long season of cold weather, but it apparently has helped our azaleas.

The flowers are very beautiful this year, and they seem to be holding much longer than in past seasons.

If you haven't noticed the many colors of azaleas this year, you need to drive about the area and take in all the beautiful colors of so many varieties.

By the way, the temperatures Tuesday morning surprised many folks, as they thought the cold was over for the season.

Congratulations are in order for the members of Bay High DECA who took top team honors once again in state competition.

Bay High's DECA class earned the honors at the Mississippi DECA Career Development Conference recently in Tupelo.

Bay High's students earned a total of 23 medals, and each and every one needs to be congratulated. I know that Jane Lamb has been involved with the program at Bay High for many years, and she along with Lady Stone Bruce, the advisors, need to be congratulated for the fine job they do in giving guidance to our leaders of tomorrow.

While on the subject of congratulations, Bay High's band needs to be congratulated also. They took top honors in the Battle of the Bands competition in the Mandeville's Krewe of Eve Mardi Gras parade.

The Tiger Pride won first place and tied for the title with the Mandeville High School band.

The Tiger Pride band is under the direction of Catchie Crider, daughter of the late Polly Mazarakis, whom I worked with for many years at The Echo. Polly was the author of the popular weekly column titled "Polly Peers."

Coming Sunday from 3 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. will be the Our Lady Academy's annual Celebrity Chefs Celtic Fest at Our Lady of the Gulf's Community Center by the school.

The Celebrity Chefs will be serving their specials from 5 to 7 p.m., according to Debbie Vernon.

There will be some 20 local chefs competing for the "People's Choice" and the "Critics' Choice" awards. This is a big fund raiser for OLA.

There will be live entertainment by several popular local groups, good food, raffles and all types of auctions. The average admission price is \$25 which includes dinner, one refreshment and entertainment.

Big preparations are under way for a great afternoon and evening at the OLA Celebrity Chefs Celtic Fest on April Fools Day.

## State senate to be done by Sunday

The Mississippi Senate is close to finishing its work for this year with adjournment scheduled for Sunday, April 1.

As most of you already know, consideration of the state's \$3.6 billion budget for Fiscal Year 2002, which actually begins July 1, has been the dominant factor of this session.

A serious disagreement has arisen between the Legislature and the governor's office over that budget.

And while it's true we are disagreeing, it's important to note that all of us are working towards the same goal - the best government we can manage for the citizens of Mississippi.

The disagreement has come up over how to accomplish that goal.

We recognize the fact that the state's economy has not grown this year as fast as it has the past several years, and that we must be realistic in our budget-

ing process.

However, it's important that we not over-react. It's important we not take measures now that future events show were not necessary.

Following the recommendations of our budget experts at the Legislative Budget Office, we have already cut \$245 million from the FY 2002 budget.

We accomplished this by cutting heavily in areas like equipment purchases, travel and other operating costs.

Most budgets have been trimmed to the bone. Any further cuts will extend into people's lives by cutting jobs.

We truly feel we should not cut jobs and devastate families until conditions are much worse than they are right now.

If we follow the governor's guidelines, we will be eliminating essential programs from mental health, Medicaid, public safety and health care, as well as severely eroding public edu-



## FROM THE MISSISSIPPI SENATE

By State Senator  
Scottie Cuevas

cation from kindergarten through our universities and community colleges.

We simply do not think it's time to take that drastic an action.

Our economy is still growing, although at a somewhat slower pace. When you take into consideration that the new Nissan plant in Canton will gradually add improvement to the economic situation, as will a possible federal tax cut and already lower interest rates, we do not think this is the time to panic. We do not think we have reached a state of fiscal emergency.

The governor's plan to reduce the projected rate of growth means we would have to cut an

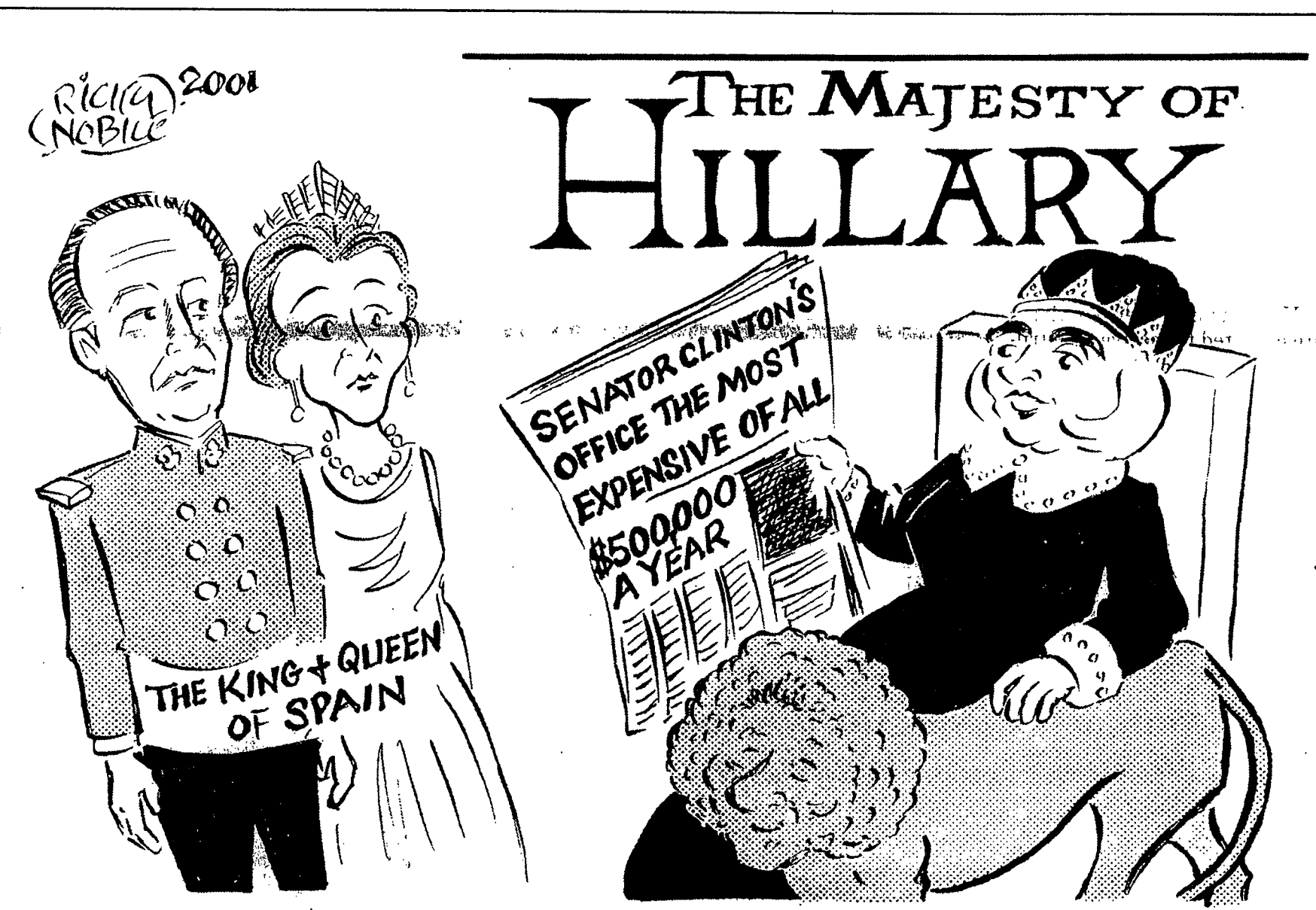
additional \$180 million from the FY 2002 budget. That is on top of the 13.5 percent we have already cut.

That could mean a loss of up to 3,000 jobs.

In the Legislature, we truly believe we can achieve a balanced budget and our goals without these drastic measures that would have such an adverse effect on real people's lives.

And, if things do not improve, if the economy does not turn up, then we'll be back in session next January and we can take whatever additional measures we need to at that point.

We are talking about people's lives. We must proceed with caution.



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## Letters to the Editor

### National Library Week April 1-7

Dear Editor,  
A question for your readers: When did you last spend time at your library?

April 1-7 is National Library Week, and if it's been awhile, you'd probably be pleasantly surprised at how libraries embraced the latest technological advances while maintaining the traditional programs and services that have made them one of America's most cherished institutions.

More than 200 years after Benjamin Franklin introduced the first lending library, Americans are still flooding into libraries seeking the knowledge to make their dreams come true.

Today's libraries are not the quiet places you remember - they are dynamic and energetic places where the whole community comes together.

Libraries provide children with their first exposure to books; provide small business owners with information on how to turn a profit; help doctors research the latest medical

findings; and provide students young and old with the skills they need to find, use and evaluate information.

As our world has changed, librarians have been there to make sure our libraries are up to date and viable for people of all ages, incomes and backgrounds.

Librarians are leaders in helping people find what they are looking for - whether it be in print or online.

The personal, professional and friendly assistance they offer without any strings attached makes librarians truly unique.

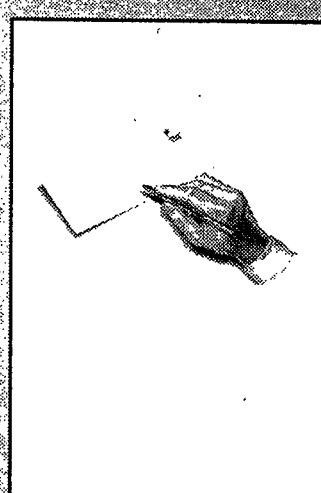
Libraries have always been places of education, self-help and boundless opportunities and an indelible part of the American dream.

If you haven't been lately, come see what's new at your library. And visit our home page on the Internet at [www.hancock.lib.ms.us](http://www.hancock.lib.ms.us).

Sincerely,  
Prima Plauché, Director  
Hancock County Libraries

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## TECHNICALITIES

By State Auditor  
Phil Bryant  
MUNICIPALITIES

Q Must a new or changed municipal ordinance have a one month waiting period after passage and prior to its effective date?

A Yes, unless a unanimous

vote of the board determines public peace, health, safety or other good cause requires immediate effect. (§ 21-13-11)

Q May a municipal attorney be appointed annually?  
A Yes. (§ 21-15-25)





## ASK THE V.A.

By Donald Mauffray  
CVSO

### HONOR GUARD BILL PASSES HOUSE

A bill to guarantee job protection for reservists participating in funeral honor guard duty unanimously passed the U.S. House of Representatives in late 2000. The legislation, the Honor Guard for Veterans Empowerment Act, was sponsored by Congressman John E. Sweeney, (R-NY).

The Department of Veterans Affairs expects annual veterans' deaths to peak at 614,000 in 2008 - a rate of 1,700 veterans' funerals each day.

The Department of Defense has increasingly turned to its Reserve Component to assist with performance of these honored burial duties. However, Reservists receive no specific protection for funeral honor duty.

Reserve Component members only receive a \$50 stipend, one retirement point and travel reimbursement for expenses if they travel over 50 miles from home - not enough to risk losing a full-time civilian job.

"These soldiers are placed on inactive duty status and perform the function on a voluntary basis without a full day's pay - primarily out of patriotism and respect for our veteran population," said Sweeney.

"The compensation they receive is hardly enough to risk losing a full-time civilian job, should their employer balk at the prospect of the service member missing a day at work. This bill makes sense because it clarifies current law, protects members of our Reserve Forces, educates employers, creates no new government spending, and supports our nation's veterans."

### VA BENEFITS ASSIST MILLIONS OF AMERICANS

Veterans and their survivors are expected to receive \$1.9 trillion in disability compensation and payments for service-connected deaths during the next 70 years as the nation fulfills its obligation to care for former service members.

The Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) second "Annual Benefits Report" shows its programs touch millions of lives, with approximately 2.3 million of the nation's 24.4 million veterans directly compensated each month for injuries or illnesses connected with their military service.

"This new report is a reminder of the depth of the nation's commitment to those who have sacrificed to preserve our freedom," said VA Under Secretary for Benefits Joseph Thompson. "Our beneficiaries include the 311,000 survivors of veterans whose deaths while in uniform - or after discharge from a service-connected condition - reflect the ultimate sacrifice in serving one's country."

A new section of the annual report is an estimate of future costs to provide compensation to veterans and survivors. The 70-year projection shows that spending for disability compensation and survivors' payments will peak at \$37.3 billion in 2032, then decline to an annual cost of \$10.8 billion by 2069.

Direct payments to individuals for their service-connected disabilities at the start of the current fiscal year totaled more than one billion dollars a month.

In a breakdown by period of service, the report shows that veterans who served in the military during the time of the Vietnam War were the largest group receiving service-connected disability benefits, representing 735,627 of the 2.3 million, compared to 541,225 World War II veterans and 282,140 veterans of the Gulf War time period.

In addition, 378,712 veterans are receiving VA pensions as wartime veterans who are permanently and totally disabled

from other injuries or diseases.

In VA's home loan guaranty program, the report shows that of the loans to purchase homes at the beginning of the current fiscal year, about 56 percent had gone to first-time homeowners. In addition to the 2.3 million loans to purchase homes, there were 884,457 refinancing loans, most for interest rate reductions.

More than 72 percent of the 243,453 beneficiaries who used VA education benefits at the beginning of the current fiscal year qualified under the active-duty provisions of the Montgomery GI Bill, reservists accounted for nearly 19 percent.

The older Post-Vietnam Era Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP) covered less than one percent of beneficiaries. The program for certain eligible dependents of veterans accounted for eight percent of education beneficiaries.

The vocational rehabilitation and employment program, which provides job training for veterans with service-connected impairments or disabilities, successfully trained and found employment for approximately 10,000 individuals in 1999.

## Local planners, officials attend ArcView GIS classes

The Department of Marine Resources' (DMR) Comprehensive Resource Management Plan (CRMP) passed a major milestone with the completion of a series of "Introduction to ArcView Geographic Information Systems (GIS)" classes for CRMP participants.

More than 100 people attended the training, which included nine two-day classes held from late January through early March.

The classes focused on new users of ArcView GIS, the industry leader and the world standard in desktop mapping software. The CRMP program provided the hardware, software and certified trainer for the course.

Participants in the course included the City of Gulfport, City of Biloxi, City of D'Iberville, City of Ocean Springs, City of Gautier, City of Bay St. Louis, City of Pass Christian, City of Waveland, Harrison County, Hancock County, Jackson County, Pearl River County, George County, Stone County, the DMR, and the Mississippi Department of Health.

Also, the Mississippi Secretary of State's Office,

Mississippi Natural Resources Conservation Service, Farm Services Administration, Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, Gulf Regional Planning Commission, Mississippi State University Coastal Research and Extension Center, the University of Southern Mississippi College of Marine Sciences, Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation District, Southeast Mississippi R.C. & D., The Nature Conservancy, Naval Station Pascagoula, Compton Engineering and Jan Barlow, Jr.

The principal focus of the CRMP is the development of a comprehensive strategy, along with the necessary tools, to manage the impacts of economic growth and development on the environment of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

The overall mission of the CRMP is to develop a plan to sustain Mississippi's coastal resources and to provide for a healthy economy in the coastal area.

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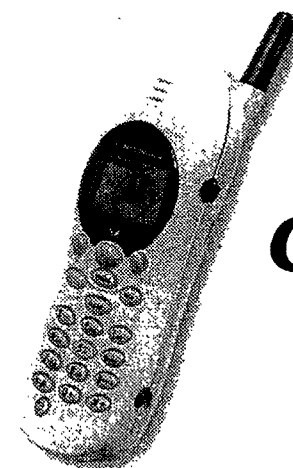
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## Obituaries

**PATRICIA COLLEY**  
**MATHILDA DAVISSON**  
**GOLDMAN JONES**  
**VIVIAN LUMPKIN**  
**ARTHUR MORAN**  
**CLYDE PARSONS**  
**DOMINICK SCAFIDI**  
**CHERYL SEKSO**  
**MAVIS SEYMOUR**  
**CONNIE VINSON**

**PATRICIA COLLEY**  
 Patricia Ann Colley, 49, of Lakeshore, died Saturday, March 24, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Colley was a native of New Orleans and a longtime resident of Lakeshore. She was a Methodist.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Kenneth G. Courge.

Survivors include her husband, Robert "Jack" Colley; a son, Troy G. Theriot; a daughter, Tammy LaFontaine Kern; and her parents, Archie G. and Grace Ladner Courge, all of Lakeshore; a sister, Myrna C. Thornburg of Chala Vista, Calif. and six grandchildren.

Visitation was Tuesday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis followed by a prayer service and interment in Lakeshore Cemetery.

**MATHILDA DAVISSON**  
 Mathilda Marie Moreno Davison, 93, of Waveland, died Monday, March 26, 2001, in Waveland.

Mrs. Davison was a native of New Orleans and a resident of the Bay-Waveland area for more than 20 years. She was a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Bay St. Louis.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Alden Davison; her parents, Jefferson Davis and Mathilda Agnes

Gazano Moreno; and a brother, Jefferson J. Moreno.

Survivors include a son, Robert Alden Davison and wife Alice of Ft. Worth, Texas; a daughter, Gwendolyn Davison Hogan of Waveland; a brother, Norman C. Moreno of Metairie; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Wednesday at Christ Episcopal Church in Bay St. Louis followed by a prayer service.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

The family prefers memorials to Christ Episcopal Church Capital Improvement Fund, 912 South Beach Boulevard, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

**GOLDMAN JONES**  
 Goldman Jones, 81, of Bay St. Louis, died Tuesday, March 27, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Funeral services are pending at Nowell Funeral Home in Ridgeland, Miss.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of local arrangements.

**VIVIAN LUMPKIN**  
 Vivian Lumpkin, 78, of McNeil, died Saturday, March 24, 2001, in McNeil.

Mrs. Lumpkin was a native of Picayune. She was a baker and a member of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include a son, Richard Lumpkin of the Caesar community; five daughters, Sylvia DiGiovanni of Metairie, Ruby West, Shirley Barber and Debbie Trosclair, all of McNeil, and Dot Creel of Meridian; a sister, Shirley Carter of Picayune; 21 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted

Tuesday at Picayune Funeral Home chapel. Burial was in Sones Chapel Cemetery in McNeil.

**ARTHUR MORAN**

Arthur Reginald Moran, 87, of Lakeshore, died Tuesday, March 27, 2001, in Lakeshore.

Mr. Moran was a native of Catahoula, Miss. and a longtime resident of Lakeshore.

He was a member of Main Street Baptist church in Bay St. Louis and was a Master Mason and member of Bay St. Louis Lodge 429.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Pearl Chouest Moran; a daughter, Wilma Moran Barrios; his parents, Alford Joseph and Eugenia Epps Hover Moran; and a grandchild.

Survivors include a son, Alden "Bud" Moran of Diamondhead; a daughter, Regina Moran Nicaise of Bay St. Louis; a brother, Leo Moran of Waveland; four sisters, Delta Buckley of Panama City, Fla., Josie Jacobs and Eunice Bermond, both of Bay St. Louis, and Carol Shubert of New Orleans; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Wednesday evening at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

A prayer service will be conducted today, March 29 at 2 p.m. at the funeral home chapel.

Interment will be in Bayou LaCroix Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

**CLYDE PARSONS**

Clyde Kempton Parsons, 50, of Lakeshore, died Friday, March 16, 2001, in Lakeshore.

Mr. Parsons was a native of Portsmouth, Va. and a resident of Lakeshore.

Visitation was Tuesday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis followed by a prayer service in the funeral home chapel and interment in Biloxi National Cemetery.

**DOMINICK SCAFIDI**

Dominick Joseph Scafidi, 83, of Bay St. Louis, died Friday, March 23, 2001, in Gulfport.

Mr. Scafidi was a native and lifelong resident of Bay St. Louis. He was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church and retired after 45 years as co-owner and operator of Scafidi Brothers P & D Service Station in Bay St. Louis.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Byrdeen Young Scafidi; his parents, August J. Sr. and Stella Marie Lodato Scafidi; six brothers, Phillip, Peter, August, J. C., Anthony and Phillip Scafidi; and a sister, Bessie S. Presley.

Survivors include three sons, Dominick J. Scafidi, Jr. and David G. Scafidi, both of Las Vegas, Nev., and J. Dale Scafidi of Bay St. Louis; a daughter, Mrs. Donald (Janet) S. Everett of Bay St. Louis; a sister, Mary S. Kennedy of New Orleans; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Monday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.

Interment was in Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery and Mausoleum in Bay St. Louis.

**CHERYL SEKSO**

Cheryl "Dee Dee" Sekso, 36, of Pearlinton, died Saturday, March 24, 2001, in Slidell.

Survivors include her husband, Edward Sekso, of Edison, N.J.; her mother, Marge Boice, of Pearlinton; father, Francis Longwell Jr., of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; son, Joshua Taylor Sekso of Pearlinton; daughters Robin Marie Sekso, of Pearlinton and Erica Lynn Sekso, of Edison, N.J.; brother Timothy Longwell of Oberlin, Oh.; sisters Kathy Lynn Hendershot of Lorain, Oh., Sandra Frances Maxon of Pompano Beach, Fla., Sherri Ann Pittman of Pearlinton and Teresa Marie Martin of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Visitation will be Saturday from 9-11 a.m. at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, with funeral services to follow at 11.

**MAVIS SEYMOUR**

Mavis "Ollie" Seymour, 86, of Pass Christian, died Friday, March 23, 2001, in Pass Christian.

Services are pending at Howard Avenue Chapel of Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Homes in Biloxi.

**CONNIE VINSON**

Connie Estelle Gatlin Vinson, 78, of New Orleans, died Sunday, March 25, 2001, in New Orleans.

Mrs. Vinson was a native of Knobel, Ark. and was a homemaker. She was a member of First Baptist Church in New Orleans.

Survivors include four sons, Ronald B. Vinson and Kenny C. Vinson, both of Waveland; Donald B. Vinson of Covington and John B. Vinson, Jr., of New Orleans; three daughters, Faye V. Bordelon and Rhonda V. Arceneaux, both of Pearl River, La., and Alicia V. Payne of Marrero; two brothers, Homer Gatlin of Simmsport, La. and Noah E. Gatlin of Violet, La.; a sister, Eula Mae Deen of Little Rock, Miss.; 34 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

Visitation was Wednesday evening at McDonald Funeral Home in Picayune. Services will be conducted today, March 29 at 11 a.m. in the funeral home chapel. Burial will be in Vinson Cemetery in McNeil.

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## Waveland Civic Association Parade Royalty

**Little Miss and Mr. Leprechaun Corbin DeStefano and Christina Mumme**

Corbin DeStefano, 5, attends Diamondhead Little School. His parents are Michael and Kristine DeStefano.

**Colleen Alison Schulz**  
 Schulz, 17, attends Bay High School. She is a member of the National Honor Society and DECA. She is Spanish Club president and member of the Physics Club, Interact, Students Against Dangerous Decision, Quiz Bowl and the Math Club. She is also treasurer of the Class of 2002. Her parents are Kelvin and Emily Schulz of Bay St. Louis.

**Grand Marshal Kelvin Jean Schulz**  
 Schulz is a New Orleans native and has been a resident of Bay St. Louis for 25 years. He is married for 21 years to the former Emily Mollere who was Colleen in 1973. They have four children, Alicia, Alison, Buddy and Suzanne.

He is a former owner of Big E's Seafood and currently owns Kelvin's A/C and Refrigeration and Kelvin J. Schulz Real Estate Services.

Schulz is a Cub Master of Pack 208 and assistant Scout Master of Troop 208 sponsored by American Legion Post 139. He is also a member of the executive board of the Gulfport Scottish Rite.

**Maid Rebekah Skinner and Escort M. J. Kranky**  
 Skinner, 15, is a student at Hancock High. Her school activities include the performing arts

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and singing. Her parents are Eric and Terri Skinner.

**Maid Shannon Fayard and Escort John Dahn**

Fayard, 15, is a student at Bay High. Her parents are Kenneth and Paula Fayard, and her grandparents include Earl and Janet Ladner, Larry and Marilyn Smith and the late Kenneth Fayard Sr.

**Maid Maegan Thornton and Escort Felton Cuevas**  
 Thornton, 16, is a Hancock High School student where she is a member of the HHS Talon Dance Team, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and a two-year Beta member. Her parents are Buster and Judy Thornton.

**Maid Heather Burge and Escort Scott Peterson**  
 Burge, 14, is a Bay High Honor Roll student and a recipient of the United States National Mathematics Award. She is a ninth grade class representative for the Student Council, a member of the Interact Club, captain of the junior varsity volleyball team and manager of the varsity basketball team.

She is the daughter of Douglas and Bertina Burge of Bay St. Louis and the granddaughter of Roland and Bert Nicaise, both of Bay St. Louis, Anna Mae Warfel of Gulfport and the late Melvin Burge.

**Maid Tiffany Longo and Escort Paul Then**  
 Longo, 15, is a student of Our Lady Academy where she is a member of the Junior Youth Legislature. Her parents are Tommy Longo and Christina Longo.

**Maid Joni Bounds and Escort Steve Garber**  
 Bounds, 15, is a Bay High School honor student. She is the daughter of Monroe and Carolyn Bounds of Waveland and Lisa Ladner of Bay St. Louis and the granddaughter of Alton and Louis Ladner of Ansley, Addison Bounds of Florida and the late Elois Bounds.

**Maid Catherine Benvenuti and Escort Chuck Tippit**  
 Benvenuti, 17, is a student at Bay High School where she is Student Council vice-president, Chamber of Commerce student director, and a member of the

National Honor Society, Yearbook, Prom Committee, varsity tennis, French Club, Interact and SADD. Her parents are Chuck and Beth Benvenuti.

**Maid Michelle Adams and Escort John Ketcherside**

Adams, 17, is a Bay High School student where she is a member of the band, SADD and Vo-Tech studying hospitality management. Her parents are Francis (Billy) Adams and Susan M. Adams.

**Maid Kendall Schindler and Escort Jeep Ladner**  
 Schindler, 16, attends Bay High School where she is a cheerleader and was selected Freshman Class Favorite and Junior Homecoming Maid. She is secretary of the Marketing Club and a French Club member. Her parents are Edmond and Colette Schindler, and her grandparents are Lillian and Clarence Schindler and Beverly Zimmerman and the late William Zimmerman.

**Maid Amanda Graham and Escort Kelvin Schulz**  
 Graham, 17, is a Hancock High School junior. She is on the softball and basketball teams and is a member of HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America). Her parents are Donald Graham and Kimberly Barrett.

**Maid Brittany Peterson and Escort Tommy Serio**  
 Peterson, 15, is a Hancock High School student. She is a member of the HHS Talon Dance Team, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the volleyball team. Her parents are Lee and Paul Peterson and Shane and Angela Anderson. Grandparents include Jerry and Madonna Boos, Leroy and Angie Peterson, Tim and Brenda Anderson and Joyce Massey and the late C. H. Massey.

**Maid Erin Yarborough and Escort Rick Fayard**  
 Yarborough, 18, attends Bay High School where she is senior class vice-president and Interact president, a member of SADD, DECA and the National Honor Society. She was voted Miss Bay High and Bay High Homecoming Queen and is a four-year member of Who's Who. Her parents are Claude A.

Yarborough Jr. and Patricia A. Yarborough.

**Maid Jennifer Varnell and Escort David Odum**

Varnell, 15, is a student at Bay High School. Her parents are James and Michelle Varnell, an her grandparents are William and Sheridan Field and the late Edgar and Margaret Varnell.

**Maid Megan Corr and Escort Louie Smolensky**

Corr, 14, is a Bay High School honor roll student. She was elected class favorite and serves on the Student Council. She is also a member of SADD. Her honors include the United States Mathematics Award. Her parents are Brian and Regina Corr. Grandparents include Shirley Noto Corr of Waveland and the late William George Corr Sr. and Trish Rouxett and Bobby Blackwell of Hancock County.

## HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS

Homestead exemption applications will be taken from January 2, 2001 through March 30, 2001. These applications must be filed in the Bay St. Louis office of the Hancock County Tax Assessor between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm.

You must be living in your home as of January 1, 2001, to qualify for homestead exemption for the current year.

The following information is needed to file your application.

- warranty deed
- cost of property
- down payment amount
- license plate numbers for vehicles registered in Hancock County (must have vehicles registered in Hancock County)
- If you are over 65 Proof of age
- If you are receiving 100% disability benefits proof of your disability.
- If you have vehicles licensed in other states you must show reason
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If you have any questions please call 228-467-4425 or 888-409-6239

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MAR. 30, 1981 - JAN. 23, 2000



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# History of the Hancock County Exchange Club

By Michael D. Haas, Jr.  
Our club was founded and chartered April 13, 1985. The installation banquet was held at the Wheel Inn Restaurant in Bay St. Louis.

Installed as charter president was Tommy Brooks. Other officers included Bob Occhi, president-elect; Rex Gilbert, Mississippi Power Company, secretary; and Bob Hubbard, treasurer.

Members included E.J. Marengo, Frank McNeil, Mike Necaise, Ronnie Peterson, Peter Platz, William Stechmann, Kelvin Schulz, Mike Haas, Sr. and Mike Haas, Jr.

The club was chartered and founded by members of the Gulfport Exchange Club. Included in the initial membership drive were Q.D. Spruill, John Bates, Ray Necaise, Robert Young and others representing the Gulfport Club.

Instrumental in pushing for a new Exchange Club in Hancock County was Henry L. Thomas, then general manager of Coast Electric Power Association. I can recall the day that my father, Michael Haas, Sr. and I decided to join the club.

Several members of the Gulfport Club came by our office and explained to us the Exchange Club and its focus on Americanism and prevention of child abuse and suggested that we should become charter members of the new club in Hancock County.

Politely, Mike Haas, Sr. and I explained that we were very busy and did not have time to join any new clubs and frankly, that there was no need for another service club in Hancock County as we already had several fine service clubs operating in the community.

About an hour later, my father called me into his office and informed me that we had just joined the Hancock County Exchange Club.

To my surprise, I exclaimed, "I thought we just told those fellows that we weren't interested." Mike Haas, Sr. explained that Henry Thomas, general manager of Coast Electric, had just called and thought that it would be a good idea if he and I joined. Thus, we became charter members of the Hancock County Exchange Club.

Almost immediately, Mr. Thomas suggested to the club that the community needed patriotism and that he envisioned an avenue of flags along Highway 90 being a hallmark to introduce people to Bay St. Louis and Waveland and the Hancock County community in general.

The members purchased flags and solicited donations from area businesses totaling approximately 120 flags. Brackets were installed along Highway 90, and the first avenue of flags was erected on July 4, 1985.

The flags were displayed on Highway 90 from the Bay St. Louis bridge to Waveland and additionally along the downtown areas as well.

This fundraiser and patriotic display was continued for several years by the club until the City of Bay St. Louis installed center highway lighting along Highway 90 and installed flagpoles in conjunction therewith. This project was retired at that time. The flags were donated to the new project which was headed by Gene Schloegel.

The club continued to grow, and in 1986 the National Exchange Club changed its by-laws to allow female members. Up until that time there had been no female members allowed in the Exchange Club, and it was strictly a "male" club.

There were female auxiliaries associated with some of the clubs. However, we did not have one in the Hancock County club.

Carolyn Amacker was invited to be our first female member. She joined in 1986 and was elected to be the first female officer of an Exchange Club in the state of Mississippi. She was elected to the office of secretary.

That year she was also later nominated and elected as Exchangeite of the Year. She probably is one of the first female recipients of the Exchangeite of the Year Award since no women were allowed in the club until 1986.

The club continued to operate

and prosper, and thereafter Bob Hubbard was elected president in 1987. Under Bob's leadership, the club grew substantially from 19 members to 56 members in his year as president.

With the flag project waning, the club decided to try to conduct a different fundraiser.

4. Jim Henrie was our first Exchangeite of the Year.

5. Carolyn Amacker was one of the first female members in the Exchange Club in the United States and a past Exchangeite of the Year.

6. In 1987, the club sponsored the Royal Lipizzaner Stallions

the past year."

At the time the club increased its membership from 19 members to 56 members or a 195 percent increase. National Club President, James Schnoering stated this was "an exceptional achievement." Bob received a gold watch in recognition of this honor.

I would like to thank Linda Henrie, wife of past member Jim Henrie, for her tireless efforts in maintaining the club scrapbooks for many years.

It is a shame that we don't have a member currently keeping track of our scrapbook, and I would certainly suggest to our president that if someone or some people would be interested in maintaining this, that I think it would be a great asset to the club and future generations of the club. Linda served as our unofficial club historian, and without whom this presentation would not have been possible.

In conclusion, the Exchange Club has always stood for Americanism and the prevention of child abuse. I am proud to say that I am an Exchangeite and you should be, too.

## Past Presidents

Charter President - Tommy Brooks	
1985-86	Michael D. Haas, Jr.
1986-87	Bob Hubbard
1987-88	Kelvin Schulz
1988-89	Rex Gilbert
1989-90	Bill Stechmann
1990-91	Gwen Myers
1991-92	Julie Cannon
1992-93	Lisa Rodriguez
1993-94	Bob Hubbard
1994-95	Lynne DeRussy
1995-96	Barbie Haas
1996-97	Janell Nolan
1997-98	Joey Temples
1998-99	Regina Gleber
1999-2000	Wayne Hoffman
2000-2001	Joey Temples

## Past Exchangeites of the Year

Jim Henrie
Carolyn Amacker
Michael D. Haas, Jr.
Camille Tate
Jeannie Deen
E.J. Marengo
Bill Stechmann
Dina Hitt
Barbie Haas
Dina Hitt
Sue Donnelly
Amy Corr
Regina Gleber
Bob Hubbard
Linda

Jeannie Deen, with the Peoples Bank, devised a scheme to create a "Fun Raisin" auction.

Colonel Bob Glover was solicited and served as a volunteer auctioneer for many years in this highly successful and fun fundraiser. In 1996 the event raised over \$5,500.

More recently, we ended the fundraising auction due to competition from other fundraisers which utilized the same idea and conducted a fundraiser involving an art raffle and Wal-Mart gift certificate raffles as well.

The club also has been active in purchasing and installing freedom shrines in the Hancock County area. The first Hancock County freedom shrine was installed in the Hancock County Courthouse foyer in Bay St. Louis in March of 1986.

Thereafter, freedom shrines were installed at St. Stanislaus, Bay High School and Hancock High School.

Our clubs' focus on youth is further exemplified by the club by our long-time commitment to our Youth of the Month and Youth of the Year program.

Initially, Camille Tate headed this project, but later Janell Nolan took over the reins of this project and continues to head it today.

Over the years many fine youths of this community have been honored as both the Youth of the Month and Youth of the Year. Included in these are several local businessmen including Micky Lagasse and Micah Necaise.

Perhaps the largest accomplishment made by the club was with the cooperation of the other Gulf Coast clubs in founding the South Mississippi Exchange Club Family Child Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse in October of 1988.

This organization continues in existence and is still the main charitable organization supported by the Exchange Clubs on the Gulf Coast including our club.

Mike Haas, Sr., Mike Haas, Jr., Bill Stechmann and Bob Hubbard are the only four remaining charter members of the Hancock County Exchange Club.

Mike Haas, Jr., Bob Hubbard and Bill Stechmann have all served as club presidents. Mike Haas, Jr. served as the president after the charter president, Tommy Brooks, had to resign, and later each of the three of us were honored by being selected as an Exchangeite of the Year, as well. Some interesting facts that I was reminded of when I reviewed the club scrapbooks were the following:

1. Mrs. Lisa Rodriguez was the first African-American member of the club and served as our first African-American club president, 1992-1993, as well.

2. Michael Haas, Jr. and Barbie Haas are the only husband and wife past presidents and husband and wife past Exchangeites of the Year.

3. Bob Hubbard and Joey Temples both served two terms as president of the club.

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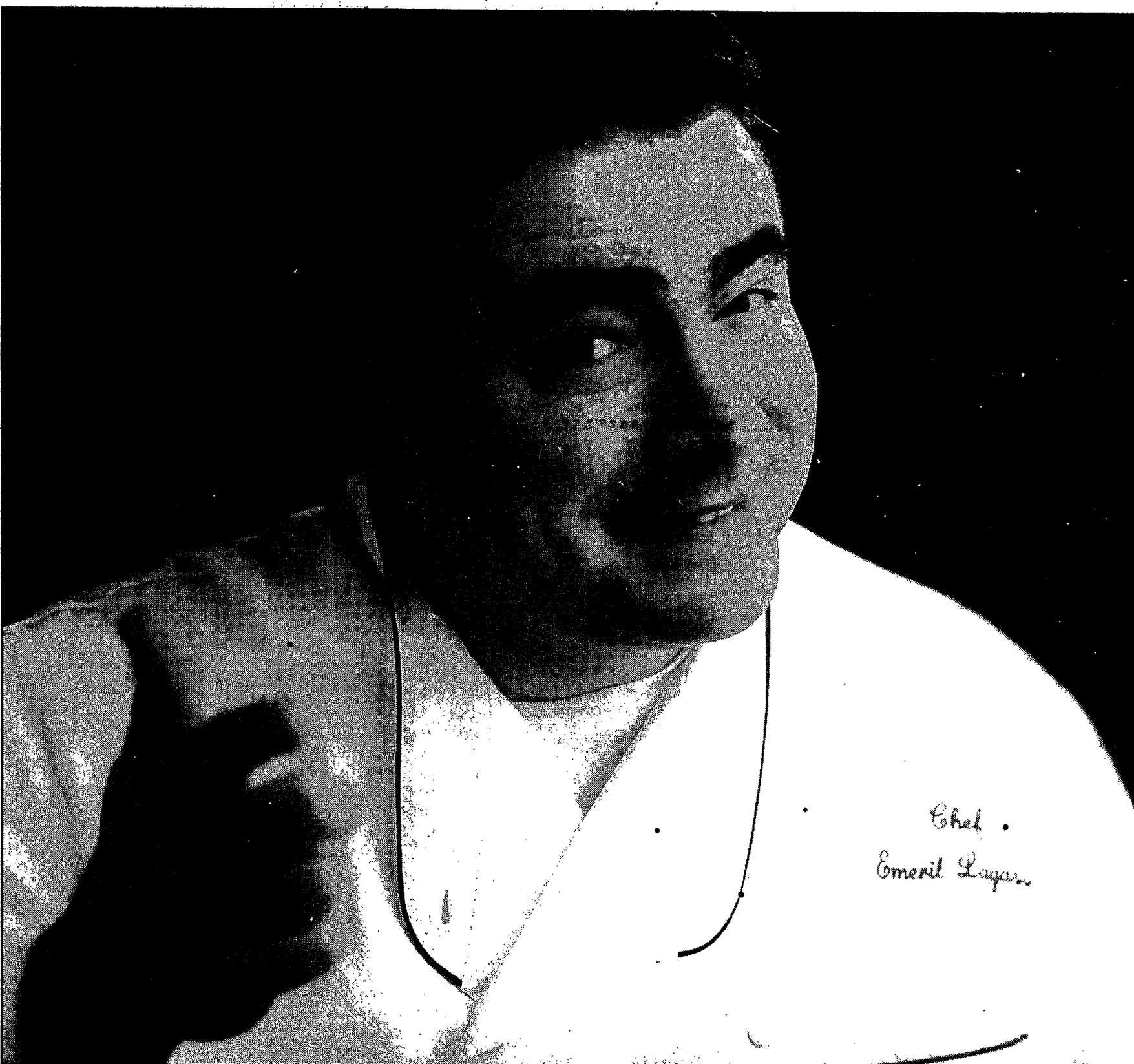
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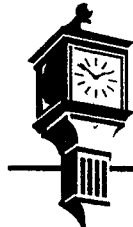
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Echo Staff Photo by Bennie Shalibetter  
In spite of the cold weather, many friends and family attended the St. Joseph Day celebrations at Kay McCordle's home in Waveland. The altar, which is a yearly tradition at the McCordle home contained an amazing array of tasty dishes, from stuffed artichokes to fried chicken to deserts. St. Clare's Father Fannon was present to bless the altar and those attending.

## Bay High and Bay-Waveland Middle announce parent-advisor conferences

Parents of students attending Bay High School and Bay-Waveland Middle School are asked to attend a teacher-advisor conference on April 2 with their child to plan a schedule of classes for the 2001-2002 school year.

Report cards for the third nine-week grading period will also be issued. Staff will be present to assist parents at both schools from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

For all parents, students' Mississippi Career/Educational Plan Portfolio will be made available by the teacher/advisor for review by the parent.

Conferences should last approximately ten minutes. A course selection sheet with a parent, student, and

teacher/advisor signature must be completed in order for students to be registered for courses next year.

It is a desire of the school system that students see a connection between what they are learning and what will be expected from them as they go on to more education, training, and work. Parents are vital participants in this endeavor.

## April 1 last day to apply for fall enrollment at Miss. State

High school, community college and other students planning to enter Mississippi State for the first time as an undergraduate are being reminded of the new 2001 fall semester April 1 application deadline.

Registration applications may be completed via the Internet at [http://msuinfo.ur.msstate.edu/admissions/app\\_dom.htm](http://msuinfo.ur.msstate.edu/admissions/app_dom.htm).

Scholarship applications can be filled out at [www.msstate.edu/dept/sfa](http://www.msstate.edu/dept/sfa).

For information on either MSU registration or scholarship matters, contact the enrollment services office at (662) 325-3076 or LEAD@msstate.edu.

## Skeleton -- found

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with the male remains lead us to believe that he was from the New Orleans area," Jim Boxx, director of the Mississippi Highway Patrol's Criminal Investigations Bureau, said in the release.

The bones had apparently been there for at least a year "and probably longer," Strain said. "The remains were actual-

ly located within the NASA buffer zone ...," Garber said. "The Mississippi Highway Patrol is the lead investigating team. We're offering any assistance we can."

Garber said the Mississippi Crime Lab team had also been at the scene Tuesday helping with the investigation.

Although the remains were

found within the NASA buffer zone, Garber said, federal investigators have so far left the case with state and local authorities. Anyone with information that may help identify the victim is urged to call the Hancock County Sheriff's Department at 467-5101; or the MHP's Criminal Investigations Bureau at 432-0195.

## BUSINESS REVIEW

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Their repair service is well trusted by homeowners throughout the community. They offer prompt service always at most reasonable prices. So remember, when that inevitable breakdown occurs and you need service fast, contact the experts at Advanced Appliance, located in Long Beach at 608-A West Railroad Street, phone 864-5805. For dependable appliance repair, you can do no better!

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If you or a loved one feels you should have your hearing checked, contact The Better Communication Clinic, located in Diamondhead at 4410 West Aloha Drive, Suite B, phone 255-8889. These specialists can give you a free electronic hearing test to determine the extent of your hearing loss. They offer both in-the-ear and behind-the-ear hearing instruments and will work with you to help you adjust to your new hearing device. They also offer repair, batteries and accessories for hearing aids.

The Better Communication Clinic is staffed with audiologists and speech pathologists, and have been working closely with the hearing and speech problems of toddlers, children, adults and senior citizens for many years throughout the area. They have a special interest in the effect of age on hearing and will recommend medical treatment when needed. Once you are fitted with the proper hearing instrument, you will realize your old hearing problem was much more noticeable than your new hearing aid. They now offer disposable hearing aids—the newest technology available.

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To get anywhere today, one must have a good education. Central Christian Academy & Pre-School offers programs for 3 year olds through 12th grade, with the emphasis on academics. They have been a leader in advancing the educational level of students in this area for many years. Graduates of this school are able to excel in college as well as later in life. To help your child prepare for the future in a healthy, well-rounded environment, contact Central Christian Academy & Pre-School today. Your child will thank you for it later.

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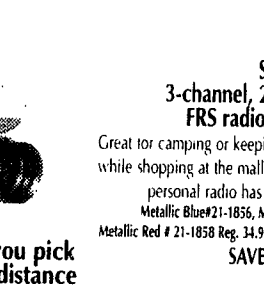
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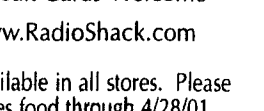


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# BUSINESS NEWS

## Lott named NAFTAZ 'Person of the Year'

Senator Trent Lott, Republican majority leader, accepted the National Association of Foreign Trade Zones Person of the Year Award at the annual Congressional Reception Feb. 26.

At a ceremony held in the Dirksen Senate Office Building, NAFTAZ President Domenick Gambardella presented the award to Senator Lott.

Bruce Nourse, a representative of the Mississippi Coast Foreign-Trade Zone, also recognized the senator with a special Resolution of Appreciation.

The Mississippi Coast Foreign-Trade Zone is the grantee organization that provided the local support to the NAFTAZ's efforts.

The NAFTAZ recognized its first Person of the Year at its 1988 annual conference. The

award is designated periodically to individuals who have been instrumental in furthering the efforts of U.S. trade policies, supporting the purposes of the Foreign-Trade Zones Program and serving as an outstanding public or private official in his/her particular profession.

Lott was instrumental in guiding the Weekly Entry for Foreign-Trade Zones legislation through the year-long process in the Congress.

Past recipients of the award include: Senator Spark Matsunaga of Hawaii - 1985; the late Secretary of Commerce Malcolm Baldrige - 1986; Representative Don Bonker of Washington - 1987; President Ronald Reagan - 1988; Representative Frank J. Guarini of New Jersey - 1989; Representative Sam Gibbons of

Florida - 1990; Representative Solomon P. Ortiz of Texas - 1997; and Senator Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii - 1998.

The Mississippi Coast FTZ is a non-profit corporation managed by the Harrison County Development Commission, Gulfport/ Biloxi Regional Airport Authority, Mississippi State Port Authority, Jackson County Port Authority and the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission.

## Air service expands at Gulfport-Biloxi Regional

Air service is growing at the Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport. Beginning April 1, ASA the Delta Connection will add two more flights per day to Atlanta, Ga., bringing the daily total flights to nine.

Canada 3000 begins its seasonal scheduled non-stop jet service to Toronto on April 5. Canada 3000 will fly from Gulfport to Toronto twice per week (Thursday and Sunday).

Also, on April 27, Casino Airlink and Southeast Airlines will begin three weekly non-stop scheduled jet service

Veterans Health Care System, Naval Station Pascagoula, Supervisor of Shipbuilding, U. S. Department of Agriculture, the Coast Guard and over 20 civilian agencies from the coastal counties to Hattiesburg and Laurel.

Conducted each fall, the Combined Federal Campaign raises approximately \$218 million nationwide to fund health and human service, non-profit organizations. It is the only approved charitable solicitation in the federal workplace.

CFC activities are conducted throughout the U.S. and at military bases overseas under the direction of Local Federal Coordinating Committees, with administrative support from a nonprofit organization in their area. United Way of South Mississippi, Gulfport, provides staffing for the Southern Mississippi CFC.

## Employees set charity record

Donors to the 2000 Southern Mississippi Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) were recognized for their generosity March 4 at a regional campaign workshop in Jacksonville, Fla.

Local CFC representatives attending the event were honored for their work in producing the highest increase in average gifts - 27 percent - out of the 64 campaigns represented.

Military and civilian workers from 14 Mississippi counties served by the Southern Mississippi CFC contributed an average of \$156 last year, compared to a \$123 average in 1999.

The local campaign raised a total of over \$816,000 in 2000. Navy Captain Harry J. Rucker, Supervisor of Shipbuilding in Pascagoula, chaired the fund-raising effort that involved over 21,000 federal employees.

Federal installations and offices supporting the local CFC include Keesler Air Force Base, Stennis Space Center, U. S. Postal Service, Camp Shelby in Forrest County, and the Gulfport Seabee Center.

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This 12-hour "hands-on" computer workshop is for anyone interested in learning how to use the software Quickbooks/Quickbooks Pro. Gayla Schmitt, certified Quickbooks ProAdvisor, will be the instructor.

The fee is \$200 per person and must be paid in advance due to limited seating. To pre-pay, mail check made payable to USM SBDC to USM Small Business Development Center, 136 Beach Park Place, Long Beach, MS 39560.

For information, contact the USM Small Business Development Center at 228-865-4578.



East Hancock Elementary PTO President Cathy Wilson and Committee Chairman Holly Heinold accept a check totaling \$2,010 from Diamondhead Supermarket Manager Donnie Martin.

## EHE receives check from Diamondhead Supermarket

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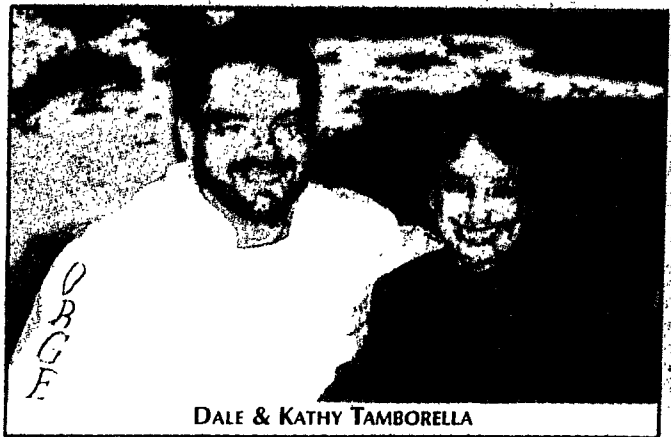
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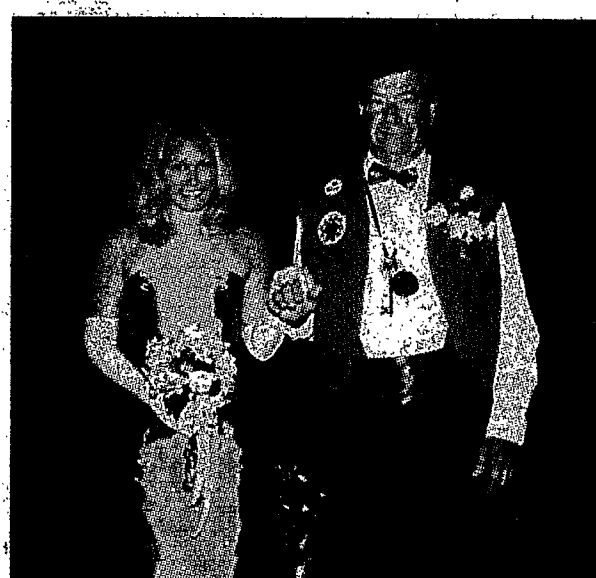
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# SPORTS

## D'head Tennis World welcomes 88 women to USTA National Clay Court Championships

By Liz Wagner Maio

The USTA National Clay Court Championships will be played at Diamondhead Tennis World April 2-8 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Eighty-eight women from 27 states will compete in singles and doubles in three age categories — the 60's, the 70's, and the 80's.

"These women travel the national and international tennis circuit, and we are proud and grateful that the local companies on the Mississippi Gulf Coast give us their generous financial support. Without their help we would not be able to host a national tennis competition," said Steve Garman, director of tennis at Diamondhead. "The United States Tennis Association provides some financial support, the local companies provide the rest."

This year Hancock Bank returns as the presenting sponsor of the National Clay Court Championships for the third consecutive year.

"Every one in Diamondhead is grateful for Hancock Bank's continued support," said Betty Miller, this year's tournament chairman. Al Cronvich, former president of the Diamondhead POA, is a member of the Diamondhead Tennis Committee who has been tremendously helpful in getting sponsorships for the championships.



Tennis fans lined up to see the competitive matches at the USTA National Clay Court Championships. Tennis fans from the community are invited to see the matches each day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., April 2-8. A free door prize drawing will be held each day at 2:30 p.m. You must be present to win. Call 255-5030 for information.

SYSCO, Inc., Gulf Coast Security Services, Inc., Beau Rivage, Diamondhead Supermarket, and Coast Electric Power Association have also all returned this year with their generous support. American Home Technology, Direct TV is a new sponsor this year. Other companies and individuals who have given

financial support to the tournament are Alcan Cable, Jackson Industrial Uniform Services, John Hall of Shingle Shine of America, Diamondhead Business & Professional Association, Inc., The Peoples Bank, Diamondhead Cleaners, Norman Enterprises, Betty Miller, Hugh S. Finlayson, Linda Williams, Mrs. Booney

Salsbury, Jinky Underwood, Stewart Sneed Hewes, and Charles Benvenuti. The community is invited to attend the matches 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, April 2-8, at Diamondhead Tennis World. There will be a drawing for a door prize each day about 2:30 p.m. Must be present to win. Call 255-5030 for information.

## HMS & Boyet claim junior high track titles

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II  
Staff Writer

The annual junior high Rock Relays were held at the Brother Philip Memorial Athletic Complex on Monday, March 26. The teams participating were Boyet of Slidell, Bay High, Hancock, OLA, and the host team SSC.

The girls division title was claimed by Boyet with a total of 93 points followed by Hancock and OLA with 70 and 31 points, respectively. Hancock edged out Boyet for the boys title with 74 points. Boyet tallied 71 points followed by SSC with 61 points.

In the boys division, Chris McAllister of SSC was a triple winner in the long jump, high jump, and pole vault. He recorded marks of 17'8", 5'2", and 7'8", respectively.

Ken Cook took second place in the long jump for Hancock with a leap of 17'5". He also placed third in the 100m and 200m dashes with times of 12.42 and 25.78.

Steven Dauenhauser won the shotput with a throw of 43'. Ryan Morales of SSC placed second in both the shotput and discus with throws of 35'10" and 104'5". John LaCosce of Hancock took third in the discus flinging the object 92'5".

Anthony Guidry of Hancock placed second in the pole vault

with a height of 7'2" while Troy Johnston of SSC placed third in the high jump with a distance of 4'10".

Allen Moran of Hancock placed second in the 100m hurdles with a time of 17.74. Hancock teammate Steven Pollard placed second in the 100m dash and 200m dash with times of 12.40 and 25.10.

Kody Cannon of SSC was a double winner in the 1600m and 800m runs. His winning times were 5:06 and 2:25.11. Teammate Tommy Rodriguez placed second in the 1660m run with a time of 5:24.

Ryan Chauvin of Hancock placed third in the 1600m run with a time of 5:26 while Kodie Koennen placed third in the 800m run with a time of 2:27.83.

Anthony Guidry of Hancock placed second in the 400m dash with a time of 1:02.37.

The 800m relay team of Jerrod Hutchinson, Mike Long, Asa Hoda, and Mike Watson from Hancock took first place with a time of 1:49.29. The SSC team of Brad Reinhart, Ben Rader, Butler, and Anderson placed third in 1:59.99.

The 400m relay team from Hancock made up of Watson, Long, Cook, and Pollard took first in 50.55. SSC placed third in 54.80 with the team of Rader,

Tran, Brennan Marlowe, and Echevarria.

Guidry, Chauvin, Ryan Walters, and Pollard of Hancock won the 1600m relay with a time of 4:14.96. The team of Stefan Sofianos, Ricardo Cannon, and Rodriguez from SSC placed third with a time of 4:31.09.

In the girls division, Summer Seymour led the Hancock Lady Hawks with a second place finish in the 100m dash and a third place finish in the 200m dash. Seymour's times were 14.60 and 31.25, respectively.

Hancock placed first and second in the discus with Erica Moran and Ashton Ruhr finishing in that order. Their throws were 67'5" and 56'9". Kaylee Schmitt of OLA took third place with a throw of 53'9".

Morgan Necaice placed second in the shotput with a throw of 24'4". Annette Allard of OLA claimed first in the long jump and second in the high jump with leaps of 13' and 4'1".

Molly Nunez finished second in the long jump for Hancock with a distance of 12'9". She also placed runner-up in the 400m dash with a time of 1:08.

Emma Harris took third place in the 100m hurdles and the 1600m run with times of 20.80 and 7:01.96. Elissa Kergosien of OLA placed third

in the 100m dash with a time of 14.77.

Christine Singleton of Hancock placed second in the 800m run with a time of 2:57.63.

The 800m relay team of Seymour, LeAnn Ladner, Chadra Acker, and Nunez for Hancock won with a time of 2:04.5.

The 400m relay team from Hancock made up of the same members placed second with a time of 59.01.

The 1600m relay team from Hancock that consisted of Jessica Dubuisson, Ladner, Nunez, and Alesia Haynes placed second with a time of 5:16.34. The OLA relay teams all placed third in their respective events.

### Fastpitch softball tryouts

Hancock County Little League Girls Fastpitch Softball will hold tryouts on Saturday at Lakeshore Field (next to Gulfview School) at the following times: 5-6-7-8-year-olds at 10 a.m.; 9-10-11-year-olds at noon; 13-14-15-16-year-olds at 2 p.m.; 17-18-year-olds will be notified at a later date. Applications will be accepted up until draft time. \$25 and copy of birth certificate are necessary. Call Herb at 467-1291 or Frank at 467-4220.

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## Millionth Sea Wolves fan expected Friday

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One gate will be open on each side of the Coliseum until the millionth fan walks through the door then all the gates will be open.

Saturday night is Fan Appreciation Night. Sea Wolves sponsors have donated nearly 100 items to be given away as prizes throughout the night.

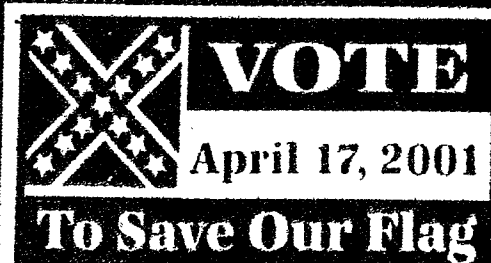
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## SPORTS

## Rocks sweep series with Bay &amp; Hancock

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II  
Staff Writer

The St. Stanislaus Rock-chaws claimed the mythical city and county championship on the diamond; however, they have an uphill climb against the Columbia Wildcats and the Maroon Tide of Picayune coming up. The Pass Christian Pirates swept a doubleheader while the Bay High Tigers steal a big win from one of the state's top programs.

The Rocks defeated the Bay High Tigers on Friday, March 23, in division baseball action 7-3. Bay High took an early lead in the second inning when Aaron Morris scored on a wild pitch after reaching base on a walk.

In the bottom of the second, Bryce Breland reached first on a base hit and scored on a squeeze bunt by Stephen Kulikowski.

In the fourth inning, Bay took a one-run lead when Morris was doubled home by B.J. Corr to make the score 2-1.

The Rocks had their biggest

inning of the game in the bottom of the fifth. The Rocks scored three runs on hits by Brandon Arcement, Evan Coote, and Joaquim Balaguer to take the lead 4-2.

Stephen Kulikowski was the winning pitcher while Brandon Strong took the loss on the mound for the Rocks.

On Saturday, March 24, the Tigers scored three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to steal a win from the Hattiesburg Tigers. The winning run scored on a wild pitch by Hattiesburg reliever Josh Grant, a 6-7 Ole Miss signee.

Adam Barrett was the winning pitcher on the mound for the Tigers. It is the second season in a row that a Barrett has topped the mighty Tigers from the Hub city. Last year, Ty Barrett tallied a Bay High win on the mound against Hattiesburg. With the win, the Tigers move to 7-10 overall and 3-5 in the division.

Also on Saturday, the Rocks swept a pair of 5A schools on the

high school diamond. SSC held on for a 9-8 win over the Harrison Central Red Rebels and turned a triple play to down Vicksburg 10-8.

In the first game, the Rocks jumped out on the Red Rebels early but had to hold off a late inning rally by Harrison Central. There were five dingers hit in the game. Jason Santiago and Neil Favre each bagged a round-tripper for the Rocks while the other three homeruns were slapped by the Rebels. Justin Lowery got his first win of the season on the mound for the Rocks.

In the nightcap, the Rocks' second baseman Brandon Arcement turned a triple play in the fifth inning to halt a Vicksburg rally. Arcement caught a line shot at second base, stepped on the bag and threw over to first to complete the triecta.

The Rocks tallied another district win to move their overall record to 11-7 and 6-3 in the division with a 7-1 win over the

Hancock Hawks on Tuesday, March 27, in Bay St. Louis.

Stephen Kulikowski tallied the win for the Rocks on the mound with a four-hitter while James Moran was charged with the loss for Hancock.

The Rocks scored first when Taylor LaFontaine drove in Brandon Arcement on an infield hit to make the score 1-0. In the second inning, the Rocks scored two more runs when Joaquim Balaguer scored on a wild pitch and Mike Ryan was driven in by Arcement.

The Hawks got their only run of the game Zack Zulli drove home Zach Nelson with a single in the fifth inning to make the score 3-1. The Hawks had the bases loaded but stranded all three runners.

In the bottom of the fifth, the Rocks scored four runs to make the final score 7-1. Bryce Breland, Mike Ryan, Dustin Coogan, and Jason Santiago all had RBIs in the inning to lead the Rocks at the plate. Ryan smacked a double into the gap

while Santiago, Breland, and Coogan all had singles for the Rocks. With the win over Hancock on Monday and the win against Bay High on Friday, the Rocks have swept both season series to claim the mythical city and county championship.

The Pass Christian Pirates swept the Gautier Gators in a doubleheader on Saturday, March 24. The Pirates won the first game 6-3 and the nightcap 4-2.

In the first game, Darren Henderson tallied the win on the mound for the Pirates with just a little help from Myles Wagner. Wagner drove in four runs on three hits including a three-run round-tripper.

In the second game John Cuevas tallied two hits for the Pirates to help Dustin Allen garner the win on the mound.

The two wins move the Pirates' overall record to 7-12 and 2-4 in the division.

## Lady Cats sweep East Central in fast-pitch

Pearl River Community College's Lady Wildcats rolled to a pair of South Division victories Monday, defeating East Central's Lady Warriors 6-5 and 11-5 in women's fast-pitch softball action.

PRCC improved to 7-9 overall and 5-3 in division play with the wins.

In the first game, Pearl River went up 2-0 in the top of the first, but East Central fought back to tie it up with solo runs

in the bottom of the first and second frames. In the top of the fifth, PRCC used a single, a walk, an error, and a hit batter to regain the lead at 3-2, but the Lady Warriors managed two in the bottom of the inning off a two-run home run to grab a 4-3 edge, then padded it to 5-3 in the bottom of the sixth.

PRCC fought back to tie it at 5-5 in the top of the seventh off a single, an error, a walk, and a

hit batter then used two hit bat-

ters and two singles to take the victory in the eighth.

Lynde Cuevas improved to 5-2 in going the distance on the mound. The sophomore struck out four, walked five, and hit one batter.

Meagan Cox paced PRCC's seven-hit attack with a double and a single, while twin sister Melanie contributed two singles. Cuevas, Amber Owens, and Stephanie Powell all singled.

In the nightcap, the Lady

Wildcat scoring machine got on track early, rolling up eight runs in the first three innings. In the top of the fifth, PRCC made it 11-0.

All five of East Central's runs came in the fifth inning.

Candy Coggin improved to 2-1 in going the distance on the mound. The freshman struck out four and walked only two in the contest.

PRCC finished with 12 hits, led by Melanie Cox's three singles, while Pinky Willis had a triple and a single. Brandi Tynes had a double and a single, Georgelynn Bennett two singles, and Coggin, Kristie Williams, and Meagan Cox one single a piece.

Pearl River travels to New Albany Friday and Saturday to participate in the Northeast Mississippi Tournament, then returns home Wednesday, April 4, to play host to Hinds in a division doubleheader beginning at 1 p.m.

## SSC's Favre leads Coast in batting

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II  
Staff Writer

Several area baseball players are shining on Coast baseball diamonds this spring.

Neil Favre of St. Stanislaus currently leads the Coast in batting with a .535 average. The 6-2, 270lb first baseman has also belted three homeruns and is third on the Coast with 19 RBIs.

Zack Zulli of Hancock is second on the Coast with a .517 batting average and has stolen 10 bases in 2001. Guy Alleman of Bay High is currently fifth in batting with an average of .459.

Other Rock-a-chaw batters

with an average above .300 are Taylor LaFontaine (.366), Jason Santiago (.359), Evan Coote (.349), Stephen Kulikowski (.321), and Dustin Coogan (.306). Other top Hawk performers at the plate are James Moran (.385), Gary Catalano (.370), and Tyler Hall (.300).

Bay High's top batters are Adam Barrett (.394), Eric Lymuel (.367), and Aaron Morris (.308). Pass Christian Pirates included in the top batters on the Coast are Darren Henderson (.419), John Cuevas (.380), Robert Hargrove (.348), Jarrod Malley (.302), Dustin Allen (.300), and Patrick

Necaise (.300).

Brandon Arcement of St. Stanislaus has driven in 11 runs this season while teammate Jason Santiago leads the Coast with 19 stolen bases. Necaise from Pass Christian has picked up nine thefts for the season. Brandon Strong currently sports a 3-3 record on the mound for Bay High while Ben Benvenuti has an unblemished record of 2-0 for SSC.

Kulikowski of SSC and Strong of Bay High are both tied with 37 strikeouts for the year. Jeremy Lewis of SSC continues to maintain an ERA of 0.00.

## Willis, Ambrose named All-Stars

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II  
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Two area high school basketball players have been chosen to represent their schools in an all-star game during the summer.

Grady Willis of St. Stanislaus and Shenma Ambrose of Bay High will have an opportunity to showcase their talent at different all-star games this summer.

Willis, a senior point guard for the Rock-a-chaws, helped lead his team to the South State playoffs this season after a runner-up finish to Picayune in the Division 7 Class 4A tournament

at Oak Grove.

Willis has been a three-year starter for the Rocks and averaged just over 22 points per game this season. He has been contacted by several schools for his basketball talent such as Mississippi State, Ole Miss, Arkansas Tech, South Alabama, and Pearl River Community College. Willis will play in the Mississippi-Alabama All-Star game on June 9 in Florence, Alabama, on the campus of the University of North Alabama. Willis joins just one other Coast player on the team, Biloxi High's All-American and Clemson signee Chey Christie.

Ambrose has been a four-year starter for the Bay High Lady Tigers and was one of the Coast's most explosive players this year. Ambrose averaged over 20 points per game this year while leading the Lady Tigers to the Division 7 Class 4A title at Oak Grove.

Ambrose has received attention from Pearl River Community College for her basketball talents. Ambrose will play for the South All-Star team in the annual Coca-Cola Mississippi All-Star game this summer. The date and site of the game has not been announced.

## Fire Dogs re-sign Causey &amp; Woodberry

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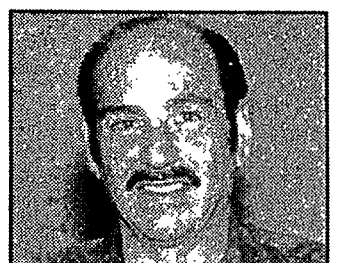
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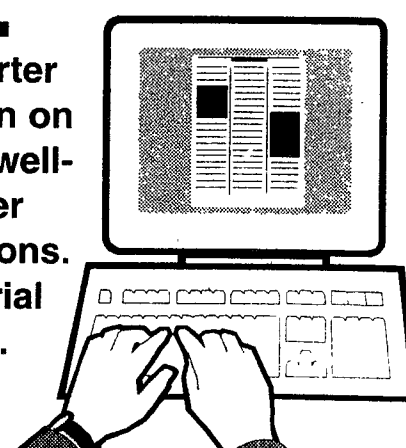
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**85 Building Materials**

CERAMIC TILE: INTERCERAMIC, summitville, dal, kpt, laulin. 500,000 sq.ft. in stock. Attention: Builders, floormen, special prices, 88¢ sq.ft. to \$1.80 sq.ft. (800)233-6702. Floor Store, Slidell, 1725 Gause Blvd. off I-10, next to Smith & Jones Building.

METAL ROOFING/SIDING - 6 COLORS galv. to 24ft. length. 38" wide-28 ga. galv., 99¢ ft. Colors, \$1.19 ft. V-crimp & corrug. 64¢ ft. Ridge cap, rake & corner, purlins \$1.00 ft. Roofing/Siding from \$14.90 sq. Warehouse Sales, Slidell, La Exit 263 I-10. (800)842-6646.

**90 Pets**

REGISTERED CATAHOULA Leopards, Young and healthy. 255-7514.

REGISTERED WALKER FOX HOUND PUPPIES, Eight weeks old. 1st shots. \$50 each. 228-392-6847.

**91 Live Stock**

GOOD TRAIL RIDING HORSES FOR sale: Over 40 to choose, \$300 & up. 1-601-798-0671.

**93 Yard Sale**

BIG PORCH SALE: LOTS OF MISC. items. 6168 W. Kemper Bayside Park Fri & Sat. 10-11.

FRI & SAT. LOTS OF GOOD STUFF 6026 E. Lamar St. (Bayside Park). If rain cancel 8-3.

GARAGE/MOVING SALE: 601 SPANISH Acres Dr. Saturday, March 31, 9-1.

MOVING SALE! 411 SANDY STREET, Waveland. March 30 & 31. 8a.m.-3p.m.

WAVELAND YARD SALE SATURDAY, March 31st, 7:30a.m. 105 Johnson Street (Idlewood Subdivision).

YARD SALE! 720 TIPPEN STREET, Waveland. Friday-Sunday, 7a.m.-2p.m.

YARD SALE: SAT. MARCH 31, @ 9AM until. 319 Carroll Ave.

**96 Wanted To Buy**

ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES, TOOLS, dolls, furniture. One piece or house full. Call 467-2628 days.

I BUY & APPRAISE ANTIQUES & ART. Confidentiality assured. 228-324-1296.

QUICK CASH FOR ALMOST ANYTHING before yard sale hassle, moving or cleaning out. We buy households, furniture, antique, tools, toys, bric-brac, etc. Piece or house full. No answer leave message. 467-4857.

WE BUY OLD WATCHES, WRIST, & pocket, rings, gold, estate pieces, musical instruments, \$5Cash\$ Bayou Jewelers. 466-0425.

**127 RV Sites**

RV SPOT FOR RENT: CLOSE TO Casino Magic. All utilities paid. \$250/mo. Call 466-0953.

**128 Boats & Motors**

85 JOHNSON OUTBOARD, GOOD condition, \$600. 467-3707.

**136 Automobiles**

1986 LINCOLN TOWN CAR, NEEDS motor repair. 5 wheels and tires cost \$300 each. Body in good shape. \$600. 467-3707.

**136 Automobiles**

1990 CHEVY CORSICA LT, 4 door, automatic, cold air, 118,000 miles. 324-0121.

1994 MITSUBISHI 3000 GT, SL, RED with black leather interior, sunroof, V-6, sport mode, excellent condition \$10,500. 463-0831, 467-3408. Ask for Missy.

96 HONDA PRELUDE, EXCELLENT condition, \$6,500. 601-798-1145.

99 MITSUBISHI GALANT ES, LOADED, 36k miles, must see \$12,995 or \$500 down and take on low notes. Jimmy Stockstill Motors, Picaune. 1-800-798-9133.

AUTO INSURANCE WITH MONTHLY PAYMENTS as low as \$24. Call Paul Smith Insurance Agency. 467-4607 or 467-1152.

FOR SALE: 96 LINCOLN MARK VII: mint condition, leather interior, cell phone, sunroof, custom hitch. V-8. Make offer. 228-467-1736.

HONDA PRELUDE SI 4WS, BLACK, 1990, automatic, 128,225 miles, a/c, power steering, windows, locks, moon roof, spoiler. Blue book retail \$5605, will take \$4109. 466-4454 or 467-1533 ext. 238.

WE FINANCE!! 96 PONTIAC FIREBIRD, sharp, \$1,000 down low notes. Jimmy Stockstill Motors, Picaune. 1-800-798-9133.

**138 Trucks, Vans**

0 DOWN. 98 CHEVY TAHOE 4X4, black, gray leather, price so right bank will lend it all! Take on low notes for this type vehicle. Jimmy Stockstill Motors, Picaune. 1-800-798-9133.

1986 GMC JIMMY with motor \$600. Also a 1979 Ford Fairmount \$200. Call 467-0044.

1988 FORD AEROSTAR XL VAN 70,000 miles, 1 owner. \$2000. OBO. 617-4933.

95 Z-71 X-CAB 350, MAROON TWO-TONE, from Hibernia bank, 49k miles, like new, \$14,995 or \$800 down and take on low notes. Jimmy Stockstill Motors, Picaune. 1-800-798-9133.

98 GMC 350 CREW-CAB, 4-DOOR, SHARP, \$16,995 or \$800 down and take on low notes. Jimmy Stockstill Motors, Picaune. 1-800-798-9133.

WE FINANCE CLEAN LATE MODEL TRUCKS. In most cases such as a 98 GMC 1500 short wheel base, automatic, loaded, 34k miles, starting at \$800 down or \$249 a month. Jimmy Stockstill Motors, Picaune. 1-800-798-9133.

**143 Real Estate Services**

"All real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation, or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination. We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis."

**145 Roommates Wanted**

SHARE TRAILER AT WHEEL-INN Trailer Park. \$250, per month plus half of utilities. 467-7678.

**146 Rooms For Rent**

HOUSEHOLD LIVE-IN, INCLUDES furnished room, utilities, 900 channel t.v., w/d, & phone. Call Dean 466-9058 \$350/mo. BSL area.

PRIVATE BEDROOM, BATH, washer & dryer, pool. Near Casino Magic. \$345. 467-5628.

**147 Apartments For Rent**

1/BR, FURNISHED APT. CENTRAL A/H. A.J. 467-8401.

CHARMING 1 AND 2 BEDROOM APTS. Near beach. 467-6742.

CONVENIENTLY LOCATED, 1/BR, furnished efficiency apt. All utilities furnished, cable T.V. \$100/dep. \$125/wk. 467-2189.

NICE 3/BR, 2/BA, TOWNHOUSE WITH patio. \$585/mo. 467-3388.

**147 Apartments For Rent**

FURNISHED 2 BEDROOM, Beach view upper deck. \$500/month plus utilities 466-0509.

FURNISHED WATERFRONT APARTMENT, includes: electric, cable, telephone, laundry, water sewer, trash pick-up. \$200/wk. 463-0036.

HWY 603 BSL 1500 SQ. FT. 3/BR, 2/ba, townhouse available now \$600/mo \$600/dep. 1-888-545-2111.

OAK PARK APARTMENTS 2 bedroom apartments \$495. Seniors 55 and over 10% off. Giving away a microwave or T V on all new leases. 467-6882.

SIGNATURE LAKE APARTMENTS Finally a 1/br. apartment home available Call about free rent. 452-9901

**148 Mobile Homes For Rent**

2 BEDROOM TRAILER FOR RENT, near Kiln. 255-5529.

2/BR, 1/BA, HEAT & AIR, CARPET, GOOD location, Waveland. \$325/mo. deposit required. 504-286-3819. Leave message on recorder.

25 FT. CAMPER TRAILER, COMPLETELY furnished, cable, lights, off Lakeshore Rd. near beach. \$90 a week. Dep. Pet-free. 467-2665.

2BR/1BA, MOBILE HOME ON STAND-ARD Dedeaux Rd. \$350/mo. with \$350/dep. 255-4139 255-9398.

FOR RENT: 3/BD, 2/BA, TRAILER. Pet-free, ready 1st of the month. Call 463-0328 after 5pm.

MOBILE HOME FOR RENT OFF OF Vidalia Road, north of Pass Christian. Call 255-7480 or 255-7481.

NICE TRAILER FOR RENT, UTILITIES paid. \$125 deposit, \$125 week. 466-0315.

**149 Mobile Homes For Sale**

1982 MOBILE HOME ON 191' waterfront corner lot, on Ave. H off Lagoon, BSL. (205)525-1314, email slicklik@aol.

1998 16x80, 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH with ac, ready to move in. On 1.5 acres. \$45,900. Magnolia State Properties, 1-800-388-3138.

2 BR/1BA MOBILE HOME ON 1.5 ACRES on Standard Dedeaux Rd. \$32,900. Owner will finance down payment. 255-9398 & 255-4139.

2000 14x70, 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, \$15,800. Magnolia State Properties, 1-800-388-3138.

INSURANCE FOR YOUR MOBILE HOMES: Best prices on the coast. Easy monthly payments. Call Paul Smith Insurance Agency. 467-4607 or 467-1152.

**150 Unfurn. Houses Rent**

2 BEDROOM HOUSE FOR RENT, 12 month lease, \$450/month, \$450/dep. Pet-free. Centrally located in Waveland. 263-9317.

2B/1B DUPLEX, CARROLL AVE. Quiet location, block to beach, central ac/heat, stove, ref., washer/dryer. \$450/month. \$375/dep. 2B/2B COTTAGE \$490/month, \$400/dep. near beach, 1100 sq.ft., stove, ref., dishwasher, center ac/heat, hook-ups, Pet-smoke free. Sailfish Realty. 466-9947.

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH IN WAVELAND, completely renovated, central a/c & heat, large screened porch, washer/dryer hook-ups, pet-free, \$650/month, \$500/dep. 467-0872 Monday-Friday, 9-5. 467-0962 Weekends.

BSL 245A CITIZEN 2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, all built-in kitchen, indoor washer/dryer, central a/h, fenced yard. \$575/mo. 504-863-3357.

COTTAGE CLOSE TO BEACH, 1/BR, & office area, screened porch. \$425/mo. 466-0509. Please leave message.

DIAMONDHEAD 2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, very clean, \$475/month plus deposit. 255-1139.

DIAMONDHEAD: 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, great room, den, washer/dryer, fireplace, very clean. Pet-free environment \$825/month plus deposit. 467-7345.

DIAMONDHEAD: LIKE NEW, 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, open floor plan, lots of windows, \$835/month. Call Marilyn 255-7711, 255-3550.

FOR LEASE: NEW 3BR, 2-1/2 bath duplex, B.S.L. \$850/month. 2BR, 1BA in the County, \$550/month. Call Chari @ Century 21 McIntyre-Rapp. 467-3777.

HOUSE FOR RENT: 2 BEDROOM, AC, \$500/month. 467-2080, ask for Jerry.

**150 Unfurn. Houses Rent**

FOR RENT IN DIAMONDHEAD 3 bedroom, 2 bath modular home, \$550/month 1 block from swimming pool 1-601-749-0014

LIKE NEW 3 BR, 2 BA, FROM \$750 PER month Century 21 of Diamondhead 255-3550

NEW 3 BDRM, 2 BATH HOME ON A seldom traveled street. Range, dishwasher & refrigerator furnished. \$750/mo. -- 2 could be 3 bdrm home in Waveland. Huge oaks, \$550/mo. -- 2 bdrm home just outside city limits \$400/mo. Pet-free please. Key Properties. 467-0600.

NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR 1006 Spanish Acres, 3 bedroom, 1 bath & 1/2, living room, den, central heat/air 467-4774.

ON THE COAST A 3-BEDROOM LARGE house, a 3-bedroom small house, and a 2-bedroom house. Call 504-392-4126.

WATERFRONT HOUSE, IN SHORELINE Park, very nice 3/br, 2/ba, pet-free. \$700 month plus deposit. Call (228)533-7614 or 466-3828.

**151 Furn. House Rent**

1 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, Kiln area, \$400/MONTH, \$250/dep. 228-255-0992.

**156 Lots/Acreage**

DEER PARK, 1 ACRE FOR MOBILE home on paved road with community water. \$625/down, \$145/per month for 15 years at 12% interest. Magnolia State Properties. 1-800-388-3138.

DIAMONDHEAD: 9.678 ACRES FOR sale. Development site for 164 units as Condominiums, Multi-family, or Retirement Housing Facility. Owner Financing Available. Ellis Realty Group, 102 West Beach Blvd. Pass Christian, MS 39571 (228)452-9999.

JORDAN RIVER SHORES: NEAR PUBLIC boat launch, paved street, all utilities. Clubhouse privileges, owner financing available. Only \$100.00 down. 228-467-5734.

LARGE, HIGH, DRY, LOT: FANTASTIC area, Waveland, all utilities. Own financing available. \$250.00 down, terms to fit your budget. 228-467-5734.

LOTS FOR SALE ON WEBB ST. 150X150, walking distance to beach, Oaks and Azaleas. \$30,000. 466-4977.

WATERFRONT LOT WITH 1,000 FEET of water frontage. Deep bayou on 1-1/2 acres, close to Jordan River and Casinos, located off Blue Meadow Rd. Asking \$189,000. Call 467-3701 or 467-5516.

WATERFRONT LOT: HURRY, ONLY \$7,900. Shoreline Park, paved street, sewage available, \$100. down. Owner financing? 228-467-5734.

**158 Commercial Property**

DOCTOR OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE 1200 sq. ft. next to Hancock Medical Center. \$850/mo. 467-8392 467-5516.

DOWN TOWN B.S.L. MAIN STREET, Upstairs office or art gallery space, 1,200 sq.ft. All electric, monitored fire & security system and water included. \$700/month, \$700/dep. 255-0924.

OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE: HWY 90 1200 sq. ft. Call 467-4437 467-5516.

STEEL BUILDING FOR RENT, 4,000 sq.ft. Office area with heat and air. Great for small business or storage. Call 255-7480 or 255-7481.

**159 Houses For Sale**

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, OFFICE, EXERCISE, pool, garage, 2256'. Fenced corner lot & garden. \$75,000. 467-1863. Call for appointment.

3/BR, 2/BA, ON 3 ACRES. CALL 255-1267.

4/BEDROOM, 2/BATH, ON 10.7 acres. 7323 Firetower Road in Kiln community. Serious offers only. Call after 3PM. 324-6563.

**159 Houses For Sale**

**New Custom Built 4 Bedroom Home**  
\$142,000 (2443 sq.ft.)  
Located in exclusive Idlewood Subdivision, Waveland.  
For appointment call:  
Garcia & Sons Development  
467-3601(Philip) or  
341-3601 (Jason).

**WATERFRONT - \$75,800**  
Minutes to Jordan River on canal, 3BR/2BA, w/bonus room, 1P, skylights, new ac, ref., & stove. Assumable FHA Mortgage for qualified buyer.  
Call Gold Coast  
467-4479 or 493-2679 (cell)

**WILSON ST. OFF HARBOR DR. - \$65,000**  
New A/C • Privacy Fence  
Park-like Grounds • Sits on 1/3 Acre  
Call Gold Coast Realty  
467-4479

**159 Houses For Sale**

ANOTHER NEW BRICK HOME FOR SALE 3bdrm/2ba, w/2 car garage on 2 acres in Kiln. 4 have been sold already. This one should be completed on or about April 25th. VA & FFA approved \$100,000 obo. (601)-749-0014

I WILL PAY TOP \$ FOR YOUR PROPERTY, any condition Will pay all closing cost. Agents protected O/A (504)908-7653.

INSURANCE FOR YOUR HOME CALL Paul Smith Insurance Agency. 467-4607 or 467-6004.

LEASE PURCHASE (OPTIONAL) BAY ST. Louis home \$675 monthly. \$3,000 Non-refundable security deposit towards purchase price of \$65,000 255-2573/466-9388.

OWNER FINANCING W/10% DOWN. Pass Christian cottage, 240 Woodman Ave. 100X114', 2 bedroom, 1 bath, large family room. Newly renovated inside. Needs TLC outside. \$45,000 228-324-8285, 228-324-6118.

OWNER FINANCING: WATERFRONT w/10% down. Bayou LaCroix Estates, 6083 Polk Street. 50X110, 1,400 sq ft 2 bedroom, 1 bath, large kitchen, family room. Needs TLC inside and outside. \$38,000 228-324-8285, 228-324-6118

CALL 467-5474 for more information on how you can place an ad in The Sea Coast Echo Newspaper!

**HENLEY TIMBER COMPANY**  
We would like to buy your logs, poles, pulpwood and hardwood timber.  
Small tracts or large tracts  
255-3082

**Manor House Apartments**



Quaint Old Town 2 bedroom Apartments.  
500 yards from beach. 467-6742

**Waveland Housing Authority**  
500 Camille Circle  
NEWLY RENOVATED UNITS AVAILABLE  
ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR HOUSING  
9:00 A.M. TO 12  
MONDAY - FRIDAY  
CENTRAL AIR & HEAT  
1,2,3,4, & 5 BEDROOM UNITS  
STOVE, REFRIGERATOR FURNISHED  
GAS, ELECTRIC PARTIALLY FURNISHED  
WATER, SEWAGE, GARBAGE FURNISHED  
EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY




FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL  
467-4247 or 467-0024

Notice  
Hancock County Sheriff's Dept.  
Civil Service Commission  
Now Accepting Applications for the following  
Correctional (Justice Facility Personnel)  
Telecommunications(Radio Dispatch) and Road Officer

Entrance Exam will be given May 1, 2001 at the Civic Center on Longfellow, Bay St Louis. Time : 6:00 p.m.

Benefits available for full-time employees: Retirement - Medical Leave - Medical Insurance. Sheriff's Department will provide on the job training for position you are applying for.

Requirements are as follows: A High School Diploma or GED, Voters Registration and a copy of your Drivers License. Please submit your DD 214 if you have been in the military.

Applications may be obtained from the Sheriff's Dept. at 122 Court Street in Bay St Louis, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Beginning March 5, 2001, through April 12, 2001 applications will be accepted. Closing date to accept applications for the following exam will be April 13.

The County of Hancock does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or handicapped status in employment. To obtain further information call 467-5101, and ask for Peggy Bailes.

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Attn: Sales Manager

P.O.Box 2009

Bay St. Louis, Ms 39521

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## Public Notices

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**  
**HANCOCK COUNTY PLAINTIFF**  
**VERDUS JULIE NECAISE LEBEAU REYNOLDS, RHONDA NECAISE KUYKENDALL, DONNA NECAISE, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS HEIRS AT LAW OF GEORGE AMES NECAISE, JR. AND CECILIA J. NECAISE, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF GEORGE AMES NECAISE, JR. AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF CECILIA J. NECAISE, DEFENDANTS**  
**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
**CAUSE NO. 00-0294**

JULIE NECAISE LEBEAU REYNOLDS, a non-resident of the State of Mississippi and whose post office address is P.O. Box 280253 Memphis Tennessee 38168, RHONDA NECAISE KUYKENDALL, who is a non-resident of the State of Mississippi and whose post office address is 3905 Canyon Glen Circle Austin Texas 79732, DONNA NECAISE, a non-resident of the State of Mississippi and whose post office address is 893 Cozy Valley Henderson Nevada 89015 and the UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF GEORGE AMES NECAISE AND CECILIA J. NECAISE, you have been named as Defendants in a suit in this Court by Hancock County seeking the condemnation of certain real property owned by you in Hancock County, Mississippi being more specifically described as:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 13 Township 9 South, Range 15 West Hancock County, Mississippi, thence North 710.00 feet, thence South 58 degrees 15 minutes 00 seconds West 193.00 feet to the Southwest corner of the property described in Deed Record Book BB35 Page 57, thence North 45 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 413.00 feet to a point on the southern right-of-way line of the public road known as the "Lower Bay Road," being 30.00 feet right of Centerline Station 268+12.05 of State Aid Project No. SAP-236IM, thence South 45 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 27.71 feet to a point being 55.00 feet right of Centerline Station 268+23.64 of said State Aid Project, thence South 45 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 63.59 feet to a point being 112.37 feet right of Centerline Station 268+49.91 of said State Aid Project, thence South 45 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 35.00 feet to a point being 86.16 feet right of Centerline Station 268+70.86 of said State Aid Project, thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 35 seconds West 47.71 feet to a point being 55.00 feet right of Centerline Station 268+36.12 of said State Aid Project, thence westerly along an arc in a curve to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.925 acres, being situated in the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 13 Township 9 South, Range 15 West Hancock County, Mississippi.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 o'clock a.m. on the 11th day of June, 2001, in the courtroom of the Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Complaint or the Petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL of said Court, this 8th day of March, 2001.

(Seal)

PAMELA T. METZLER  
 Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 Hancock County, Mississippi  
 3/15, 3/22, 3/29/2001

**CAUSE NO. 14, 413**  
**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF: EDWIN FAIRCOURNETTE AND BLANCH FAIRCOURNETTE, DECEASED**  
**SUMMONS**

TO: The unknown heirs and all other persons claiming any right, title or interest as heirs of the Estates of Edwin Faircournette and Blanche Faircournette.

You are hereby summoned to appear to show cause why Blanche Faircournette Mosley, Roy V. Faircournette, Linda Carmen Faircournette, and Darlene F. Shabazz, should not be adjudicated as the sole and only heirs at law of the Decedents, Edwin Faircournette and Blanche Faircournette, as fully set out in the petition on file in the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 o'clock a.m. on the 23rd day of April, 2001, in the courtroom of the Hancock County Courthouse Annex at 306 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, 39520.

You are not required to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

ISSUED under my hand and seal of this Court, this 13 day of March, 2001.

(Seal)

TIM KELLAR  
 Hancock County Chancery Clerk  
 By: Larnell Scarborough, D.C.  
 3/15, 3/22, 3/29/2001

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THE MINOR CHILDREN OF HEREIN JASON SAGE AND KRISTEN SAGE AND THE MINOR CHILD OF AND THROUGH HER NEXT FRIEND, KRISTINE SAGE PETITIONERS**  
**WAYNE C. MURANA RESPONDENT**  
**SUMMONS**  
**NO. 2000-24(A)**

TO: WAYNE C. MURANA

You have been named as a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Kristen Sage and Jason Sage, Plaintiffs, seeking the adoption of the minor child described in the petition, a determination of rights and a termination of parental right.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 o'clock a.m. on the 24th day of April, 2001, in the chancery courtroom of the Hancock County Chancery Court Annex at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

ISSUED under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 12 day of March, 2001.

(Seal)

TIMOTHY KELLAR, CLERK  
 CHANCERY COURT HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
 LARNELL SCARBOROUGH, D.C.  
 3/22, 3/29, 4/5/2001

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**No. 2000-698**

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the Estate of Christine F. Teufel, Deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 18th day of September, 2000, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present their claims to the Clerk of said Court and to have them probated and allowed within ninety days from the date of the first publication of this notice. Failure to do so will bar the claim.

This the 27th day of September, 2000.

WILLIAM EDWARD TEUFEL  
 Executor

David S. Raines  
 Attorney at Law  
 P.O. Box 7618  
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 3/15, 3/22, 3/29/2001

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# Entertainment

## Eddie Money coming to Casino Magic BSL

Eddie Money, one of the most popular rock and roll artists of the past two decades, is coming to Casino Magic Bay St. Louis today at 8 p.m.

His songs "Two Tickets To Paradise," "Baby Hold On," "Take Me Home Tonight," "Shakin'," and "Think I'm In Love" reach across generations to build a faithful fan base that continues to flock to his show and buy his records.

Tickets are \$10, \$12 and \$15, and may be purchased through the Casino Magic Box Office or any Ticketmaster outlet.

Money is celebrating his 20 years as a recording artist with a new album and home video on CMC International Records.

The album entitled, "Shakin' With The Money Man" features exciting new live versions of 10 of his previous hits as well as four new studio tracks. The video of the same title includes brilliant live performances of a dozen chart-breaking hits.

Money has recorded 12 albums and sold over 12 million records worldwide. His career dates back to the mid-70's when rock impresario Bill Graham discovered him at one of



Eddie Money

Graham's San Francisco Sound of the Cities talent shows.

Graham managed Money's career until his death in 1991, during which time Money had over 10 Top 10 hit singles and became one of the most successful touring acts of the time.

"Losing Bill was like losing a father," he says. "I still haven't quite gotten over it, but he would want me to rock on."

His well-known rock and roll extravaganzas have long since been traded in for a spiritual, family-oriented lifestyle. His

wife, Laurie, and their five children often accompany him on the road and sometimes onstage.

"At this point in my life, my family is the most important thing to me," he explains. "I've had success, money, fame and power for a long time, but nothing gets me higher than the relationship I have with my wife and my children."

On "Shakin' With The Money Man," Money has recorded what he considers "... the best record I've ever made. I couldn't be more in love with my life and my music today, and this album rejects that to a 'T.' On the first single, 'If We Ever Get Out Of This Place,' co-written with Paul Stanley of Kiss, Money's maturity is evident in his lyrics about the plight of many middle-class Americans in the '90's."

"I can relate to middle class America with the taxes and bills - I mean, how many rock stars do you know who shop with double coupons?"

On a more joyful note, "Everybody Loves Christmas" is destined to be a holiday hit with its old-fashioned rock and roll persona. For this track, Money

reunites with Ronnie Spector on vocals. It's already a big hit at Money's house where his kids thrill to hearing their names on the record.

"Somethin' To Believe In" is a song about the glass being half full instead of half empty. "In such a down world today," he offers, "everyone needs a little optimism, something to believe in. Actually, this song is the most autobiographical cut I've ever written."

"Can You Fall In Love Again," co-written with John Waite and up and coming producer Curt Cuomo, will touch the heart of anyone who has ever been in love. "It ain't easy in the '90's," Money quips.

"Shakin' With The Money Man" was recorded in July 1997 at a sold out concert in southern California. These versions of his hits show how great rock songs about everyday life can hold up through the years.

"A great rock song is a great rock song forever," claims Money. "Who hasn't knocked down a couple of bevs in their girlfriends' fathers' car? ('Shakin') Now, that's rock and roll."

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## River Extravaganza this Sunday at PRCC

Pearl River Community College's River Extravaganza, set for Sunday, April 1, taps into the good will and generosity of the folks in south Mississippi and nearby Louisiana.

Combining great food, bargains and named entertainment into one Sunday evening event was the brain child of Donna Wilson, executive director of the PRCC Development Foundation. Over the last dozen years, the Extravaganza has raised \$525,000 from the private sector, with the proceeds being used to provide hundreds of student scholarships and numerous teacher enhancement grants.

And as flattering as the one-half million dollars sounds, the most impressive part of the event may be the fact that literally thousands of individuals have opened their hearts and pocket books to make the event so successful.

For more than a decade, up to 15 restaurants have donated their food and their staff's day off to feed about 800 paying guests. On top of that, up to 300 businesses and individuals have donated items for the auction segment of the event, and that

does not include the 100-plus who volunteer to collect the items to sell. The year 2001 is no different. This coming Sunday the Marvin White Coliseum will be transformed into a giant banquet and theater. The restaurants will begin serving their specialties when the doors of the coliseum open at 5 p.m.

Each restaurant will have its own booth on the gym floor. An auction is scheduled for 7 p.m. and the concert performance at 8:15.

Those attending can browse and fill their plates as Dealer's Choice, a local band, performs on stage. After dinner, Dub "Paw Paw" Herring of Picayune, known around the South for his successful automotive and recreational vehicle businesses, will serve as auctioneer with WLOX-TV news anchor Jeff Lawson and Kelly Sanner of Hattiesburg serving as emcees.

After the auction, there is a concert featuring former Miss America Mary Ann Mobley and her husband, actor and Emmy-award winning talk show host, Gary Collins.

Mobley, a native of Brandon, was Miss America in 1959. She

attained success in television, theater, personal appearances and documentary films. She starred opposite Elvis Presley on screen and filmed hour-long documentaries that provide in-depth looks at the plight of millions of children who are helpless victims of war and deprivation.

Mobley also makes public appearances throughout the United States as a vocalist, as well as speaking on world hunger, time management and the juggling of home and family. She is the first woman to be voted into the University of Mississippi Alumni Hall of Fame. She was inducted with William Faulkner, a friend from her years at Ole Miss.

"This concert will be a little different, featuring show tunes and big band music," said Lee. "We think it will be an entertaining experience."

Restaurants at this year's Extravaganza will be: Bradford's Seafood, Pass Christian; Brandon House, Columbia; Chappy's, Long Beach; Don's Seafood Restaurant, Picayune; Grace & Illa's Restaurant, Bogalusa, La.; Deb's 4 Star Pizza & Pasta,

Poplarville; Sodexho Marriott, Poplarville; Ole South Bar-B-Q, Bogalusa, La.; Western Sizzlin, Bogalusa, La.; Farmers Market, Hattiesburg; Ole Hickory BBQ, Angie, La.; Pop Hill Designs, Poplarville; Jody's Bakery & Cateria, Hattiesburg; Corky's Ribs & BBQ, Hattiesburg; Lau Tori's Fine Foods, Sumrall.

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## Barbecue Under the Oaks

The 13th annual Barbecue Under the Oaks, "Livin' La Vida Porka (Living the Pig's Life)," sponsored by the Gulf Coast Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors will be at Oaklawn, home of Dr. Don and Peggy Sprabery, 7433 Menge Avenue, in Pass Christian, March 31 (rain date April 1) 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

The famous "Coast Ribmeisters" (18 to 20 teams) will share their culinary skills of barbecued chicken, pork, beef, ribs,

sausage, seafood and even a whole roasted pig with drinks, baked beans, potato salad and dessert buffed all with a Caribbean flair.

John McFarland and Butch Oustalet are auctioning dinners, cruises, jewels, original watercolors and oils. There will be a tent for the silent auction prizes, a children's area and live Calypso music.

Cost is \$25 in advance, \$30 at the gate and \$10 children 10 and under.

For information, call 228-435-9800.

## Girl Scout camps

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## 'Jazz on the Bayou' set

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Set for March 31 and April 1 at Gardner Ronnie Kole's estate on the banks of Bayou Liberty, the event offers a wide variety of gourmet food and entertainment by the Bobby Ohler Band, the Storyville Stompers and Ronnie Kole.

Tickets are \$75 per person

and are available at the door or by calling Jack Stroupe at 649-3522 or the Koles at 643-5761.

"Although we support a lot of charities, we are especially proud to support the Easter Seals because of their commitment to children with disabilities," explains René Goux, NSRMC chief executive officer.

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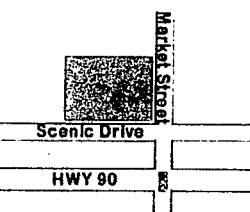
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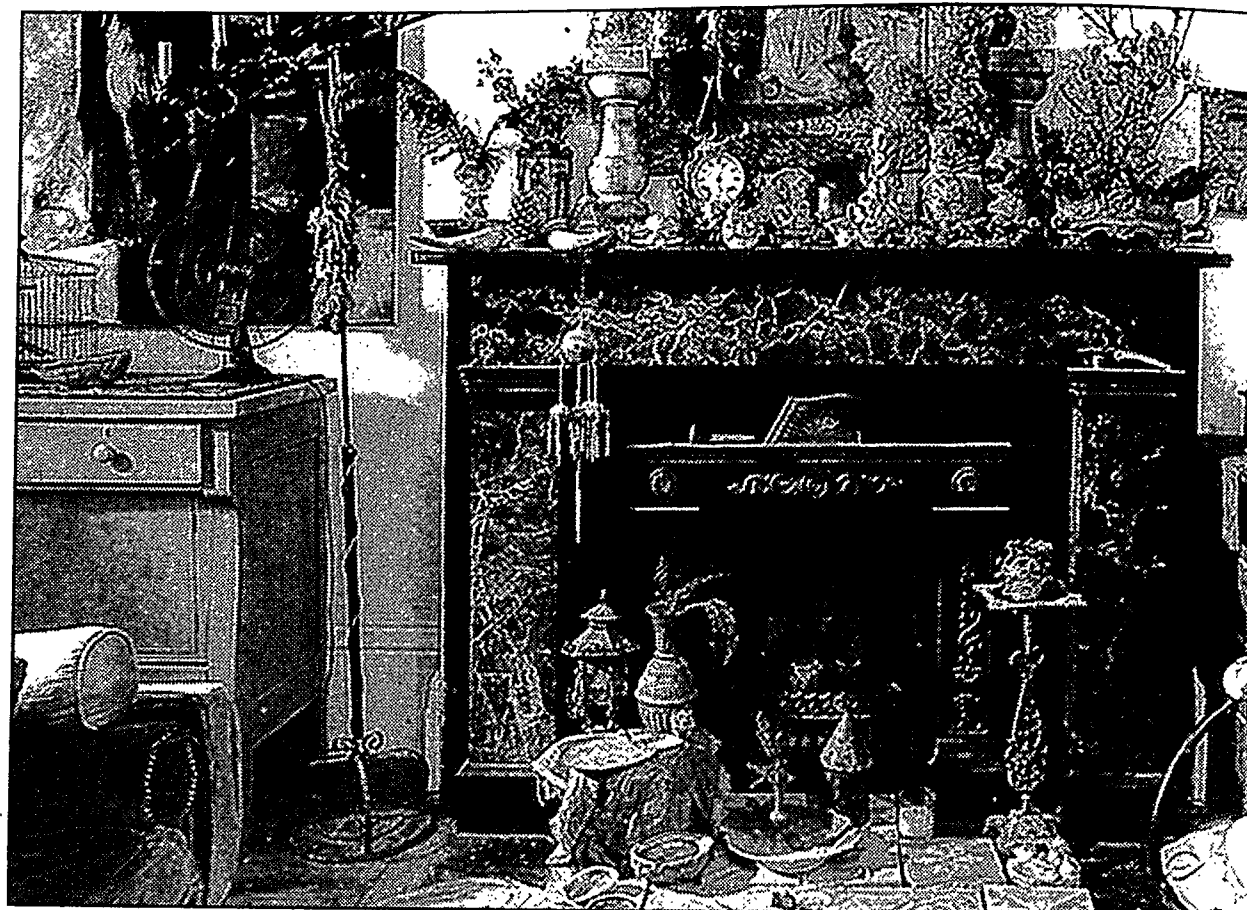
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give its overall look a makeover. Your mustard yellow, 1970s-inspired kitchen appliances may bring back many fond memories, but its time to think outside of the box with home-improvement ideas to give your home the lift that it needs.

When you visualize a home-improvement project it doesn't have to mean tearing down walls, and erecting a new structure in their wake. Oftentimes, the most subtle touches, like a new paint color or a few well-placed nick nacks can add that certain pizzazz you're looking for. It seems that current trends in spring remodeling involve

more of the changes to décor, rather than heavy-duty construction. New fabrics, paint styles and innovative products all help to give your house a fresh look. However, if you feel like adding a new room, or re-roofing the entire house - go for it.

Spring is one of the ideal times to embark on a plan to revamp an area of the home. Take advantage of the warmer weather, which often gives new life to ideas that may have been dormant during the winter, to look for inspiration. Browse antiques stores or page through the latest magazines to spark some new ideas.

## About the cover ...

The home of Michelle Albe, 113 Mollere in Waveland, provides a backdrop for early blooming azaleas - and a promise of warmer weather.

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An attractive and high-performance exterior depends on the skill of the installer. If it's not done correctly, even the best-looking siding will suffer because it does not look straight on the wall and may actually show buckling. Additionally, improper nailing — nails in the wrong place, too many nails, or too few — can compromise the performance levels reported by the manufacturer.

You can insure the best possible look and performance from your siding in two ways: by finding a professional contractor, and by using a siding that is designed for accurate and secure installation.

### FIND THE RIGHT INSTALLER FOR YOU

Often, the best leads for finding an experienced and skillful contractor come from friends who have had their homes re-sided. Ask around. But check with your local siding distributor or the national siding manufacturers, too.

### CHOOSE SIDING THAT HELPS INSURE A QUALITY JOB

All vinyl siding products typically have nail slots and locks that hold the panels together. These features vary from product to product. But they all count on a skilled and

experienced installer for proper installation.

Many new products are engineered with nail slots that are always perfectly aligned with construction standards for stud spacing — whether the studs are 16 inches or 24 inches apart. What's more, each nail slot has a graphic printed under it to make it easy for the contractor to find the repeating studs.

Fastening to the studs is extremely important. Many siding manufacturers recommend that siding be nailed every 16 inches and that those nails penetrate at least three-quarters of an inch. In most cases, the only way to be certain of such an installation is to nail into the studs.

There are many benefits to this kind of installation. First, it helps insure that the siding will meet optimum performance levels. For example, CertainTeed's Monogram™ siding is tested to withstand windload pressures up to 180 mph with nails and 235 mph with staples when fastened to studs.

Next, nailing accurately to the studs is safer. Random nails that may penetrate the space in the wall between studs could strike wires or pipes, with dangerous and costly consequences.

Further, spacing the nails as recommended is designed to help insure an attractive, straight-on-the-wall appearance. Which means you get the true wood-look of the siding you've chosen — for decades.

Overall, a product that is installer-friendly for the contractor can give you better results.

## Did you know?

Buying a hot water heater is not one of the most exciting purchases you can make, but if you want to take a shower or wash dishes, you're going to need one. For the first time in at least 70 years there's something new in water heaters — a "tank-less" model that heats the incoming stream of water continuously as you need it. The water which comes directly into your house flows through a coiled heat exchanger that heats it at high energy and high speed. The water heats up fast, which means fewer instances of your shower water going cold mid-wash. Talk to your local home center about more information. Tip provided courtesy of New York House and Home magazine.

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(MS) — In the 1980's, the United States witnessed one of the largest residential construction booms of the century. Now, 20 years later, it is time for homeowners to check their roofs for wear-and tear

and think about replacing them with the latest shingles on the market. For most homeowners, a lot has changed since the last time they had to replace their roofs.

"Much of the damage incurred this past winter could have been avoided if homeowners had taken long-term precautions with their roofs," says Rhonda Brooks, president, Owens Corning Exteriors Systems Business. "Catching problems before they become too severe, especially on a roof, can prevent unnecessary repairs and headaches." If you have had your home for 15 years or more and haven't checked your roof lately, a few warning signs to look for include:

- **Damaged flashing:** Flashing are pieces of metal or roll roofing around vent pipes, chimneys, adjoining walls, dormers and valleys, used to prevent water from seeping in. Damage to the flashing can be caused by improper installation or by drying and cracking. Flashing can generally be repaired without replacing the roof.

- **Missing shingles:** Missing shingles are often caused by exposure to high winds and improper fastening, but usually can be replaced individually. If you decide to re-roof, you might consider specially designed shingles, like Owens Corning's new WeatherGuard® High Wind 110 Roofing System, which stands up to strong wind conditions.

- **Buckling and curling:** When a shingle buckles, it bends upward in the middle, forming a peak. Buckling is caused by improperly applied felt or movement in the deck (the surface to which the roof is applied). Curling causes the corners of the shingle to turn up, and is usually caused by a lack of ventilation, nails positioned too high up, an incorrect number of fasteners or under-saturation of the shingle.

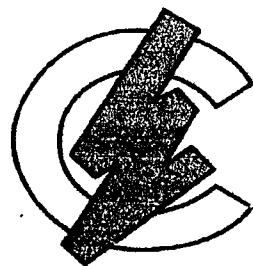
- **Blistering and rotting:** Blisters are bubbles that appear on the surface of asphalt roofing. They are usually caused by moisture in the shingle. Shingles rot when the mat at the core of the shingle absorbs moisture.

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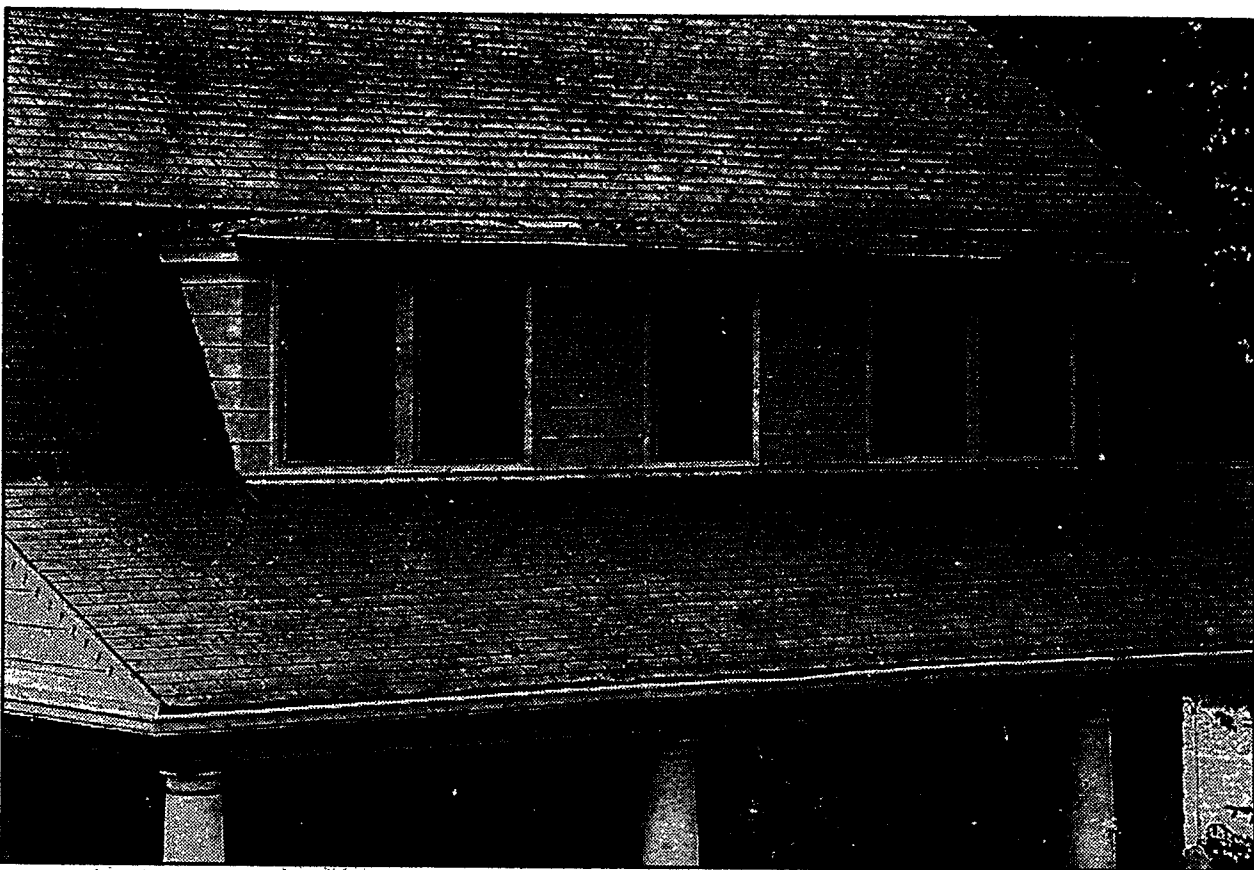
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**Does your roof need an overhaul? Make sure winter doesn't wreak havoc on your roof by checking a few crucial areas.**

#### ROOFING — IT'S MORE THAN SHELTER

This practical and necessary upkeep doesn't have to be boring. Use this as an opportunity to dramatically increase your home's appeal from the street by selecting the right shingle for your home. Typically, a roof comprises up to 50 percent of the home's exterior. What you do with that 50 percent can have a tremendous impact on the overall look of your home. With that in mind, you should approach your exterior color choices with the same care as you choose interior colors for your home.

With all of the new choices available in roofing, many homeowners are improving the exterior style of their home by selecting from a wide array of distinctive shingle color blends and styles. Homeowners are also adding more visual interest to the roof by giving it a three-dimensional appearance by installing double laminate or designer shingles. Here are some tips for choosing the right shingle color and style for the home:

- Complementary colors and shades highlight architectural style, bringing out the beauty of brick, siding, exterior paint and trim.

- Darker color blends provide contrasting color for accenting windows, doors and other architectural elements.

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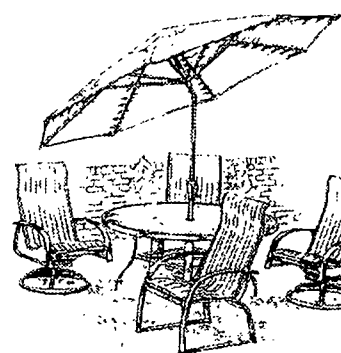







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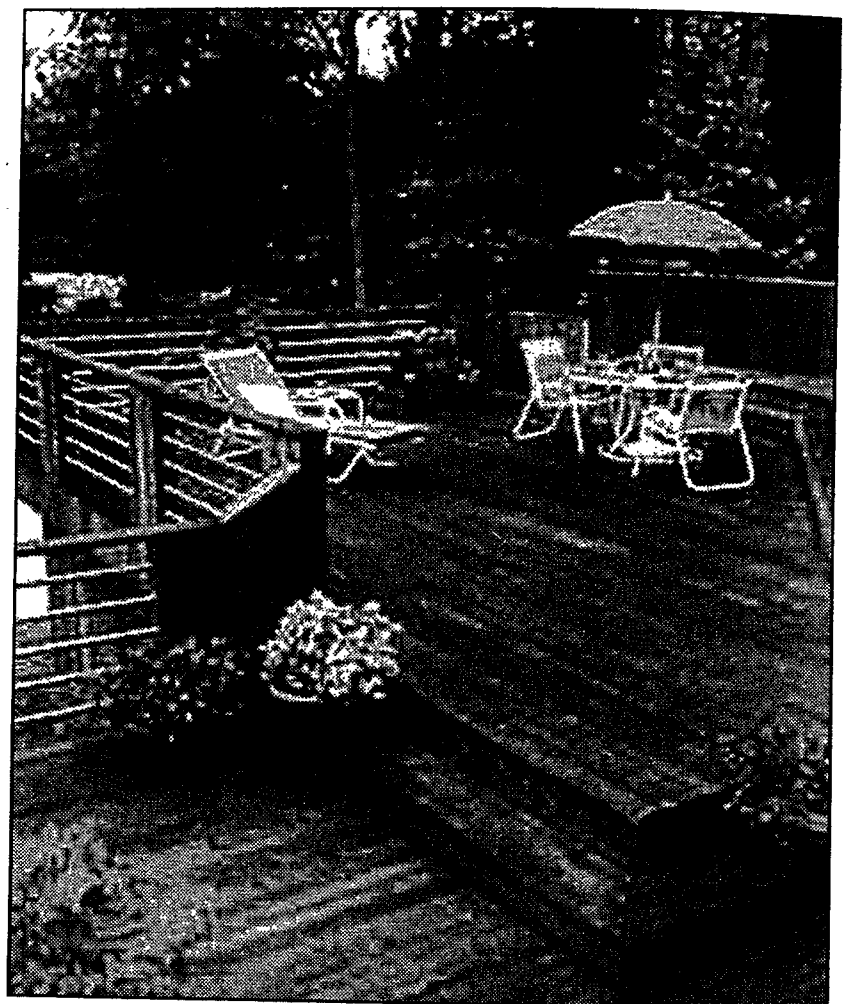


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## Get Ready to Deck Out Your House For Spring Entertaining

(MS) — In the past few years, deck construction has become a \$2 billion industry, due in large part to the increased value and functionality they add to the home. In keeping with this trend, adding a deck is one of the hottest remodeling projects this spring.

Decks represent a transition from the house to the outdoors. They may be an extension of the house or a separate outdoor room linked to the house by a pathway. Just as rooms inside the house serve different needs, so can the



Whether hosting family gatherings or a personal retreat, learn how to design an attractive and functional deck.

deck. Before you start planning your deck, think about how you want to use it.

• Entertainment: If entertaining is a primary concern, consider exterior lighting for the evenings, or a deck with multiple levels to break large numbers of people into smaller, connected groups.

• Family gatherings: If the deck is going to be used mainly for family relaxation, then make it casual. Consider including a barbecue area, benches to stretch out on, and easy-to-navigate stairs.

• Personal retreat: A novel variation of the standard deck is to locate a smaller one in a private place in your yard, screened by nothing more than some flowering bushes.

In addition, when planning a deck, think about how it will blend with the house, the surrounding land, and your community. Also consider how much access to the house you will need when using it, plants that will accompany it and how it will transition from the house to the yard.

## THE DESIGN PROCESS

Because a deck is an investment, treat it as one. Start with these three basic steps before designing: survey,

evaluation and synthesis.

• Survey: When determining where to place the deck, walk around the area and consider your house from many different perspectives. Think about the deck as an extension of the house — how it will fit and where it will go.

• Evaluation: Judge where the best location will be by making sketches or photographs of the possible sites. Consider how the house will blend with the deck as well as how the deck will flow with the terrain.

• Synthesis: Now that you have an idea where the deck should be located and have considered multiple levels, lighting and stairs, put all the ideas together by sketching your deck concept within its setting.

## EXPERT TOUCHES

After you have your deck plan in mind, what's next? Do you take it to an architect or go right to a contractor? If you are still uncertain and you can't sketch it out in recognizable form, hire a landscape architect or designer. If you have a rough sketch but need some advice, the experienced

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Start by learning about the Energy Star® program. Created by the U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Star helps consumers identify energy efficient windows and doors. Energy Star sets minimum energy performance criteria for windows for different regions of the country. Manufacturers report their performance data through the National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) — a national non-profit organization that provides performance data on windows based on independent testing.

Energy Star windows are so efficient that for an average household they can

reduce heating and cooling costs up to 15 percent every year.

You can learn more about Energy Star on the Internet at [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov). And you can learn whether the windows you consider for purchase meet Energy Star guidelines, by reviewing the performance data in the literature supplied by the manufacturer.

### WHAT KIND OF WINDOW IS RIGHT FOR YOUR CLIMATE?

Energy Star helps you understand the basic requirements for thermally efficient windows in your part of the country. These requirements are defined by the U-factor and the Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (SHGC) of a window unit. The U-factor is the rate of heat flow through a window. The lower the U-factor, the better the insulating value of the window. The SHGC is

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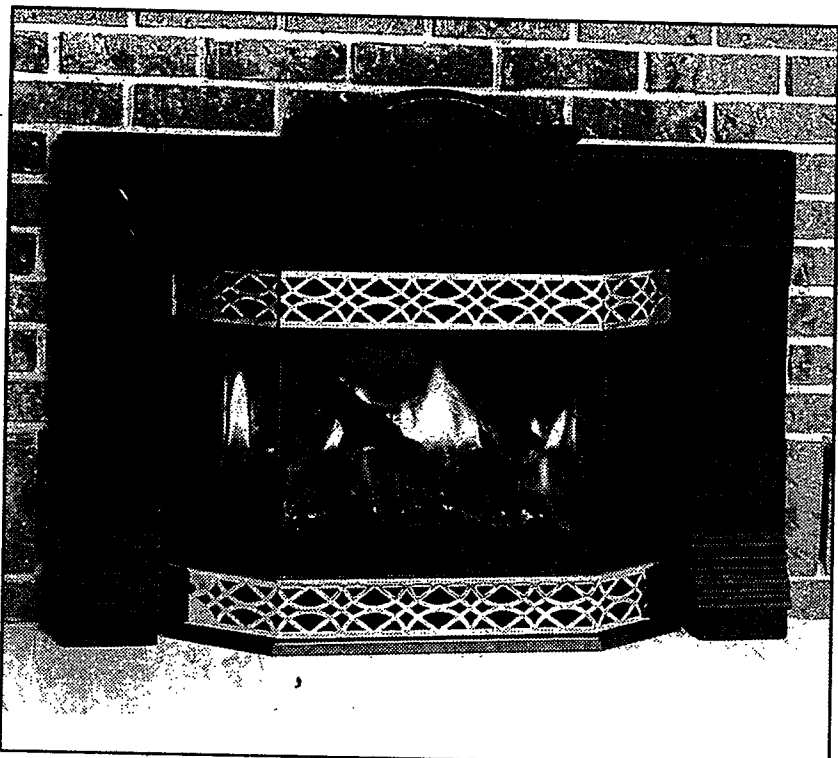
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**Tips for Painting Water-Stained  
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(MS) — This time of year, homeowners often have problems with water stains appearing on ceilings, walls and woodwork. Water from melting ice, snow and rain seeps inside from insufficient flashing around windows, skylights, dormers and chimneys, and from ice dams forming in gutters and along roof edges.

Some may think all that is needed to hide these stains is a fresh coat of paint. However, water stains are resolubilized by the water in latex paints and will bleed through even multiple coats and ruin the paint job.

According to Wm. Zinsser &amp; Co., a manufacturer of problem-solving primers and specialty paints, it is best to prepare water-stained surfaces with a "first coat" of a shellac-base primer before applying the finish paint. The shellac resin in an appropriate primer-sealer forms an impermeable film that permanently seals off water stains. Unlike resins found in latex and oil-base products, shellac also seals out musty odors that can accompany such stains.

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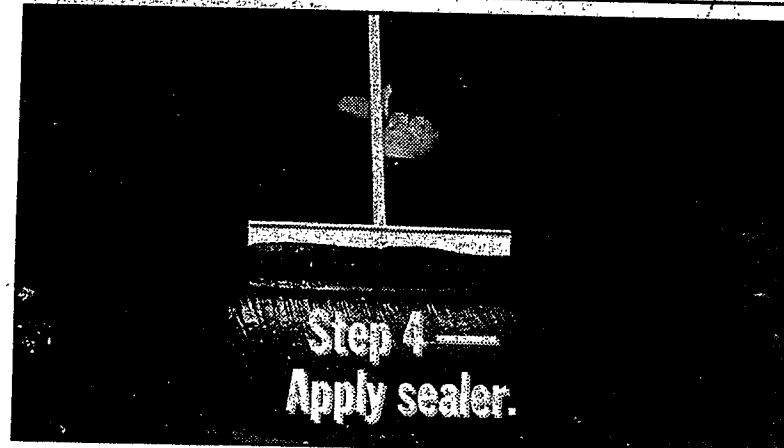
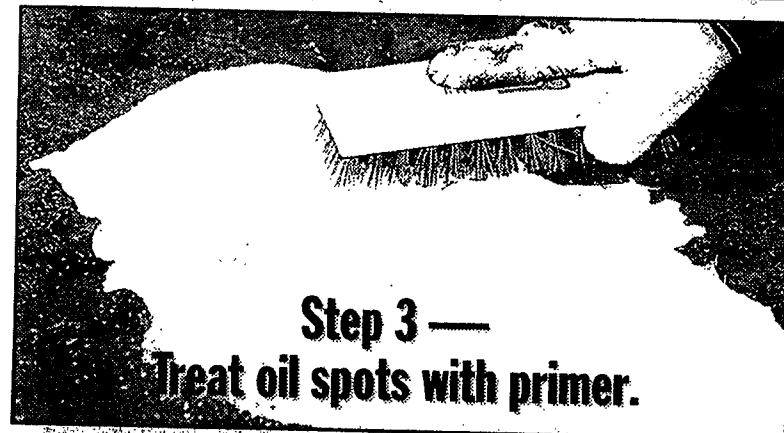
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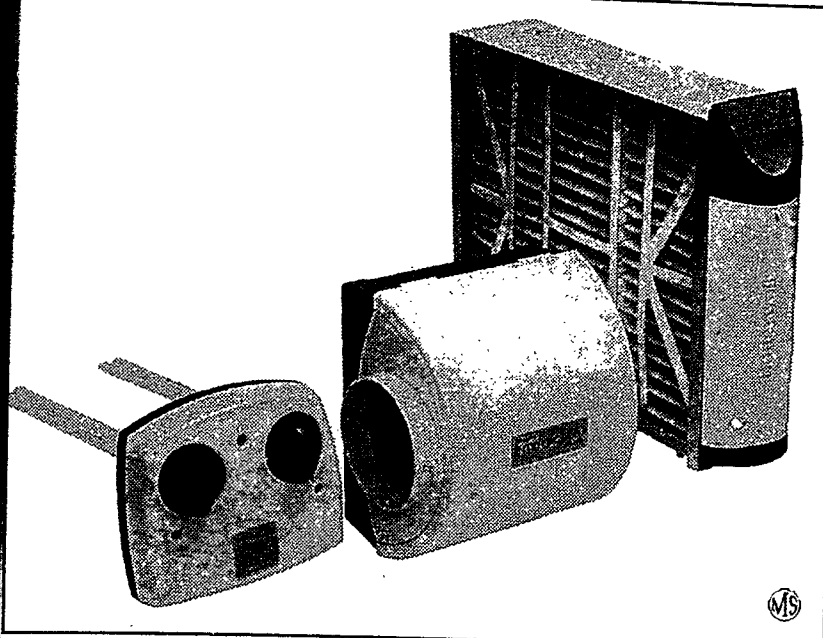
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Today's homes, often built tightly to conserve energy, can seal in pollutants, too. Indoor pollution ranks among the top five environmental risks to public health, says the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. That's potentially dangerous to Americans who can spend up to 90 percent of each day indoors and more than half of that at home, the agency says.

Honeywell, a leading provider of indoor air quality solutions, recommends a five-pronged strategy to improve

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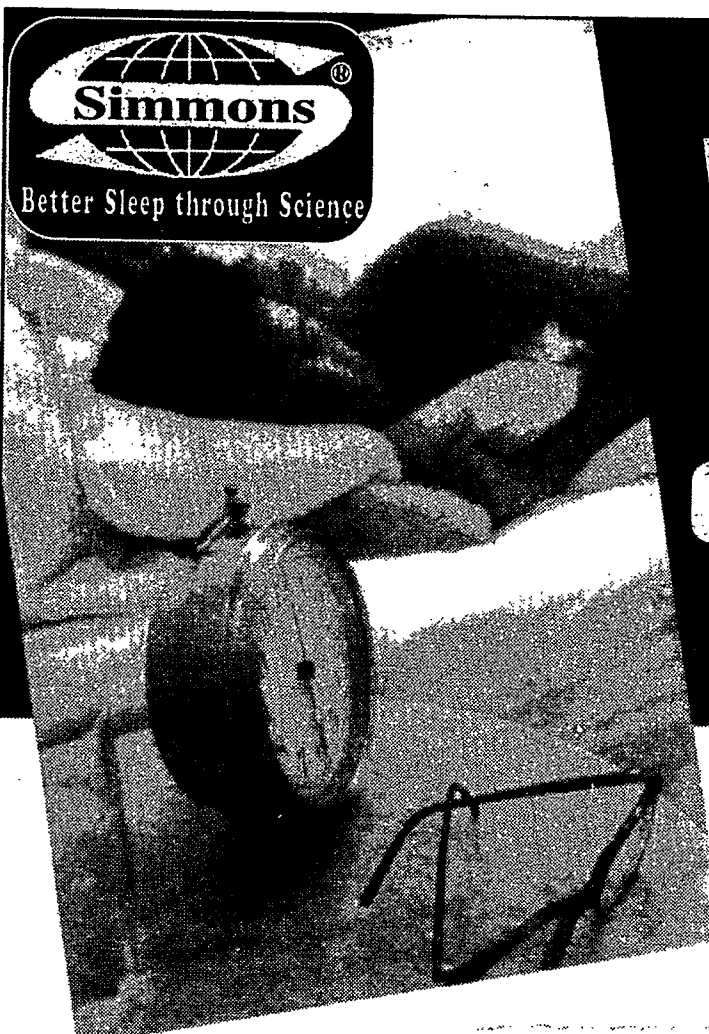
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A hardwood floor can become a work of art when it combines contrasting materials like marble, stone, brass or leather in old-world style inlays.

"It makes the whole combination very unusual," says Eugene Klotz, a master designer of hardwood floors. "You certainly won't find this in every house around."

Klotz, a partner in Renaissance Floor In-Lays in San Francisco, is one of a growing number of designers learning old-world inlay techniques that turn floors into works of art. His most recent award-winning floor includes cherry and an intricate design of inlaid marble and wood in a home's foyer.

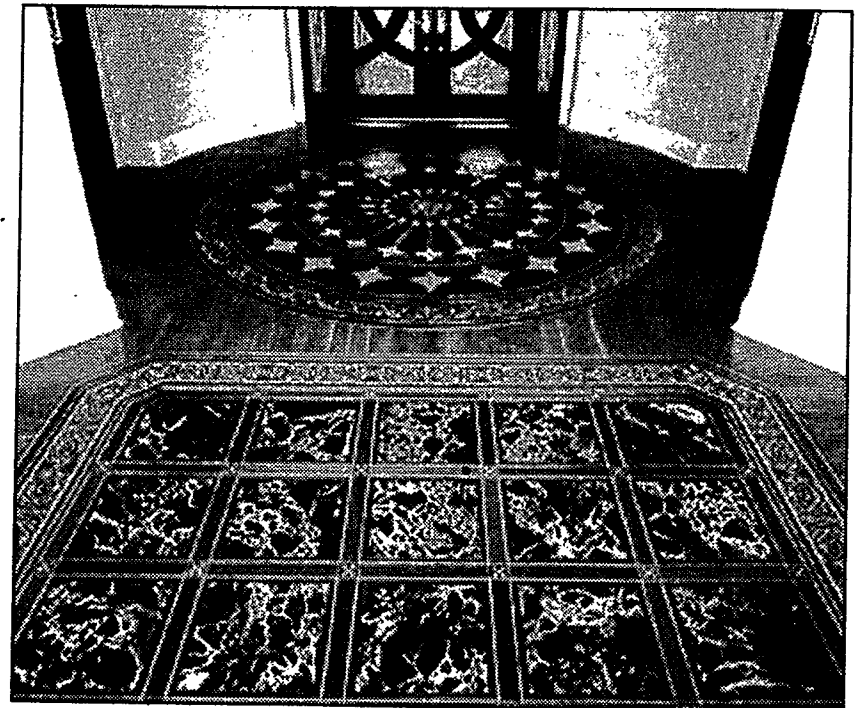
"So many samples of the best work humanity could do were created during the Renaissance Period," Klotz says.

"That was true art, and it is an example for all the ages to come."

Why not bring a bit of that Renaissance spirit into your home with natural materials that add color, texture and contrast? Wood floors that feature at least one other type of material (often called mixed media floors) offer an endless variety of choices for any room in the house.

Here are a few of the options:

- **Borders** — A border of inlaid wood, stone or brass (or a combination of these) adds definition to an entranceway or room. Elaborate or simple designs at each corner tie in with a design in the center.
- **Medallions** — Inlaid designs of a variety of materi-



A combination of stone, metal or marble and hardwood flooring can make any room in your home a work of art.

als provide a focal point with a crest, a sunburst or a geometric pattern.

- **Brass** — Thin strips of brass can be inlaid along wood borders to add definition and contrast.

- **Aging** — Tumbled stone combined with distressed wood can create the look of European floors several hundred years old.

- **Marquetry** — This technique, with origins dating to the Roman Empire, is the inlaying of shaped wood forms into wood of another species or the inlaying of metals, mother of pearl or ivory into wood.

- **Aluminum** — This is a choice for contemporary homes. Aluminum strips for borders are especially nice in kitchens that have aluminum accents like cabinet handles.

- **Leather** — Some designers have combined leather tiles in a variety of colors with hardwood floors for a striking effect.

- **Ceramic tile** — Combine tile with hardwood in the kitchen, foyer or family room. Tile typically ties in with a more casual, rustic feel. One option is to create a foyer design by combining the tile used in the adjoining kitchen with the hardwood floor used in the family room.

### CAREFUL CLEANING REQUIRED

Mixed media floors raise special cleaning concerns. For hardwood floors, follow the

instructions for your floor's finish. Talk to your floor's installer about how to clean the other materials. Take care to keep water and any cleaning solutions used for secondary materials off of your wood floors.

An alternative, consider faux painting. Designers like Joe Boone Jr., owner of Wood Floors International, create the look of inlays by painting designs on hardwood floors.

This option can be especially appealing in kitchens, where floors typically experience more wear and require more frequent cleaning. Some homeowners choose a border mimicking the marble, stone or other material used for countertops.

"You get the same beautiful look, and there are no cracks and edges, no grout for food and water to collect in," Boone says.

Leave it to the professionals

Installing a mixed media floor can be tricky. The components have to be measured and cut so they fit precisely into the pattern. It's important to finish the wood and seal the edges before adding other materials. It's best to leave a small gap (about one-sixteenth of an inch) between the wood and the other elements to allow for natural expansion and contraction.

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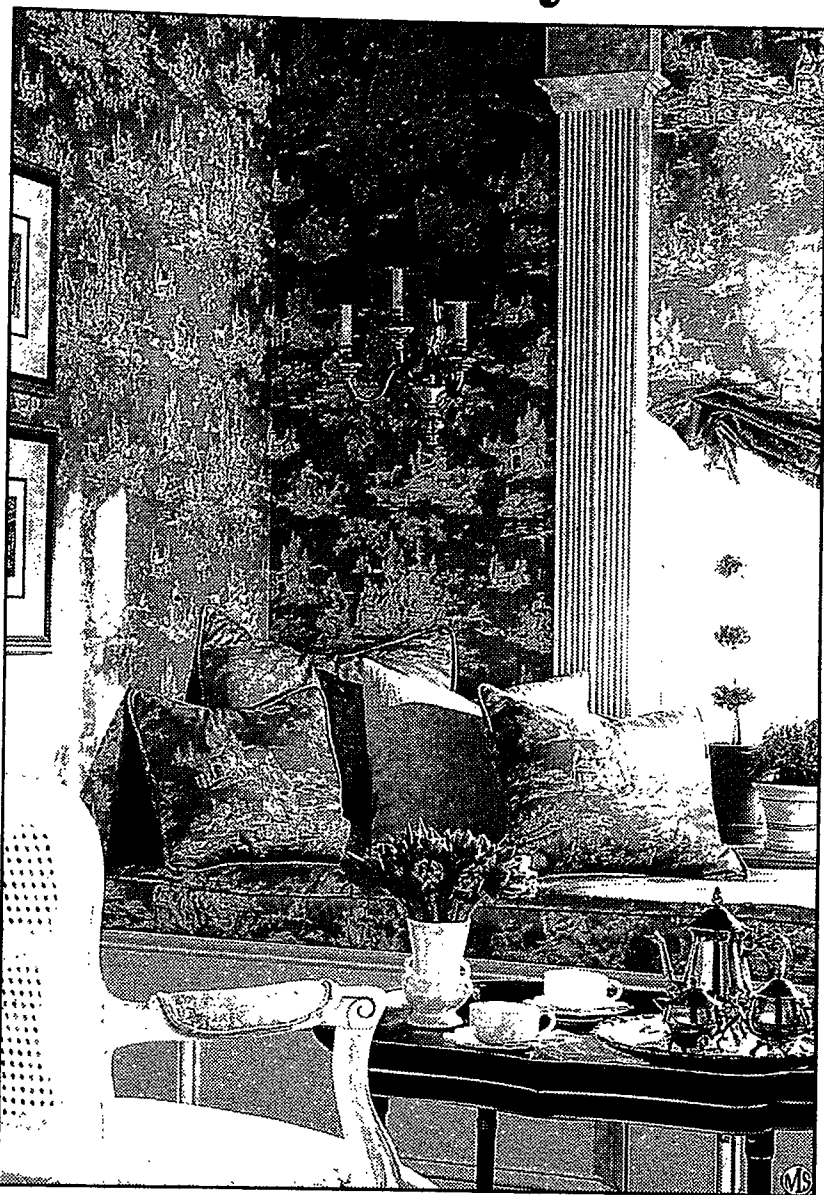
## Why Toile Is a Must for Any Home

(MS) — Searching for a fresh wallpaper idea? Try an old one. Designers are setting the current trend by reinventing an old style. French toile dates back to the late 17th century and consists of one or two contrasting colors usually with scenes of landscapes or people. Document samples from this period demonstrate the use of toile to record historical events and mythological stories. Today, artists are giving toile a makeover by featuring these antique motifs in an assortment of popular neutrals, fresh colors and the traditional historic toile colors. Experts at Thibaut, a leading manufacturer of wallpaper and fabrics, give three major reasons why toile is a must have for your home.

- Toile complements any area. When choosing wallpaper as a decorating option, many homeowners worry that the pattern they choose will overwhelm the room. Toile adds fine detail and color in a very subtle way," says Stacy Senior, marketing manager for Thibaut. Through research, the company has found new homeowners can be fearful of bold colors and strong patterns. "Since toile is drawn with fine lines and consists of one or two colors, it tends to add color and pattern without taking center stage in the room," she explains.

- Toile patterns are gender-neutral. This characteristic is beneficial when trying to appease two sets of tastes and styles — yours and your spouse's. "Many couples have a hard time deciding on a pattern especially when it comes to shared space like a master bedroom or bathroom," says Senior. Men tend to have a "fear of floral" and women have a tendency to shy away from masculine paisley or plaid patterns. For those who are afraid of strong patterns and sharp contrasts, toile is an excellent solution. "It adds architecture and detail that lends comfortable style," she comments.

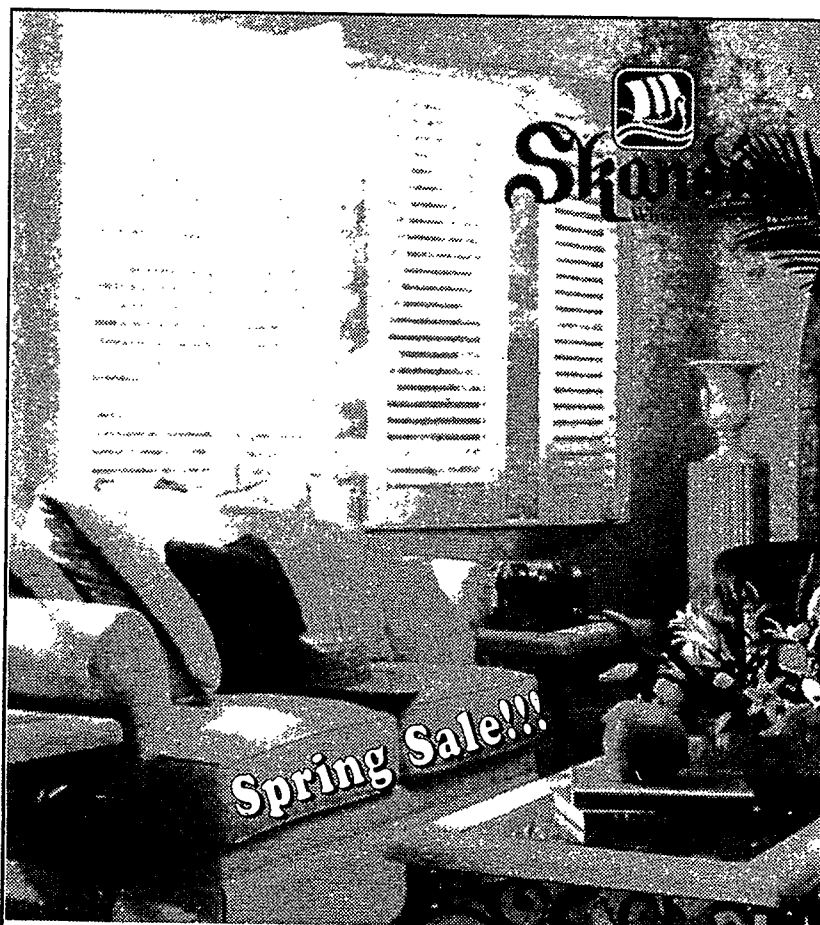
- For new homes, toile is a favorite because it can instantly add "aged charm." "A new house might be missing 'old appeal' and history. Toile compensates by creating refined elegance in a bedroom or 'old farmhouse charm' in a kitchen," says Senior. It offers a hint of color, accentuating furniture and accessories for a seamless effect. In addition, toile coordinates well with



Toile wallpaper patterns are ideal for both casual and formal settings — they add color and pattern without overpowering a room. A good toile collection offers patterns in enticing color selections that yield a rich, sophisticated effect. Photo displays La Fontaine wallpaper and fabric.

wallpaper and fabric designs in adjoining rooms.

Find a compilation of exquisite toiles in a collection offering a variety of color selections including basics like blue on white, black on taupe, red on yellow, as well as more daring colors like metallic gold on burgundy and raspberry on French blue, all with coordinating fabrics. Collections are available nationally through interior designers and fine decorating establishments.



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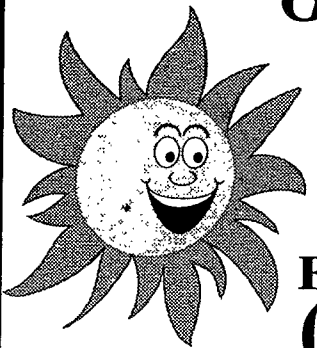
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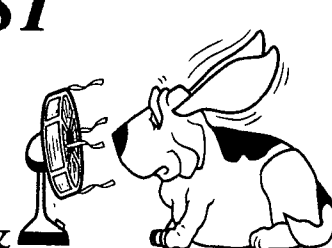
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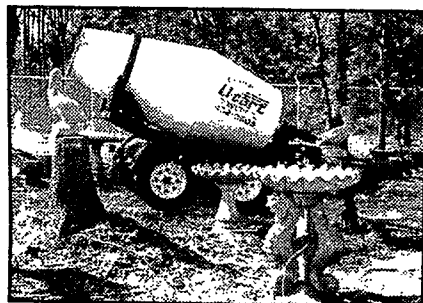
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## What's Your 'Junk' Worth? Top Ten Mistakes in Spring Cleaning

You could be tossing out a small fortune when you clean house.

The values of ordinary looking items has skyrocketed in recent years according to Tony Hyman, host of "What's It Worth?" each week on CBS-TV network news. Because most folks don't realize how valuable these items have become, they get thrown away or sold on lawns for pennies.

Top Ten items you should never discard or sell at a yard sale include:

1. Balloon tire bicycles: Most balloon tire bikes (1934 to 1960) are worth \$100 or more; a lady's bike worth \$3,500 was recently found in an Ohio trash can; your newer banana seat bike can bring \$500 and up;
2. Costume jewelry: Costume isn't junk. A Palm Springs yard sale yielded a \$10 box of costume jewelry that the new owner resold for \$75,000;
3. Fountain pens: A Massachusetts church rummage sale sold a \$15,000 pen for \$55; a \$42,000 pen turned up in a Midwest dresser last year;
4. Baseball gloves: Gloves

you played with in the 1960s can be worth up to \$2,500;

5. Perfume bottles: The record price for a 20th century perfume bottle is more than \$40,000;

6. Marbles: 20th century machine-made glass swirls can be worth hundreds of dollars each. \$2,500 for a coffee can full is not unusual.

7. Toys of the 1960s: GI Joe®, Barbie®, and space toys of all sorts bring \$15 to \$500;

8. Fishing Tackle: Rods, reels and lures have all topped the \$1,000 each mark; a \$15,000 reel sold at an Illinois yard sale for \$50;

9. Advertising and packaging: Cigar boxes, coffee cans, cereal boxes, tobacco tins, signs ... anything featuring a product more than 20 years old;

10. Cast iron cookware: One of the biggest surprises is that more than 400 different cast iron pots, pans, skillets and lids can put from \$40 to \$1,000 in your pocket if you sell them to the right person!

Other common items with uncommon values include Hawaiian shirts, beer mugs, pocket knives, musical instruments, briar pipes, old toast-

ers and typewriters, war souvenirs, transistor radios, calculators, 78 and 33 rpm records, auto owners' manuals, cap guns, cartoon glasses, cookie jars, nodder dolls, Disneyland souvenirs, electric trains, rock and roll posters, lunch boxes, lace, yo-yos, television board games, china, cigarette lighters and hundreds of others.

To find out if you own something valuable you need expert advice and to find out who wants to buy your item at a fair price. The way to make the most money, according to Hyman's viewers, is to contact buyers and appraisers by mail.

"People are a lot richer than they think," Hyman says, "but until now they haven't been able to cash in on what they own because they didn't know what they have, who wants it, or how much it's worth."

You don't need to know whether you have a \$5 fishing lure or a \$500 lure, Hyman says, as long as you deal with honest experts. Ask them what you have. Experts will know, he says, and pay you fairly.



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# Landscape design never ends

All landscapes reach a point where they need a little re-engineering. This year's storms have created problems across the state that will require repair efforts for years to come.

Re-engineering is a popular word today. Corporations use it to describe changes they are making in their market focus or their corporate structure.

Re-engineering basically means looking at where you are and assessing how you can capitalize on what you have. The process is as good for the home landscape as it is for established corporations. As landscapes mature, things change.

Trees get taller and cast deeper shade, bushes outgrow their original compactness and place in the garden.

Lifestyles change. Your family may no longer need areas for children's play. Older yards may have mature plantings that no longer do what you intended, or a natural disaster may force you to make changes. A storm can come through and change a heavily shaded yard into a wide open, sunny lot.

To re-engineer a garden, take a hard, honest look at what you have. Because changes in the landscape can happen subtly over the years, you might overlook the obvious, such as an increase in shade or some other physical change.

Take a walk around the yard and pretend to be the new owner. Be as objective as possible. Is it time to go back to the drawing board?

Even natural gardens have a plan behind them to keep them looking natural versus wild. If you don't have a plan, the drawing board is a good place to start.

The complexity and size will determine if you can do it yourself or if you need to call in the troops — professionals. Even if you seek professional help, you still have to have an idea of what you want the final garden to look like.

The scope of work needed can be overwhelming initially. As with other work projects, the only way to address the job is task by task, taking one area at a time.

If the garden doesn't break

into areas naturally, mentally create them by various garden bed sizes, shapes and plant types. You may want to add a garden bed or two or take some beds out.

Trees and shrubs are some of the biggest changes that can creep up silently in a garden. They not only grow taller and larger, but they can dramatically influence what can or can't grow under or around them.

Trim or thin out trees to allow light to filter down to the plants below. Prune overgrown shrubs to revive growth or remove them entirely. As much as it hurts emotionally and looks unattractive for a while, a severe pruning often can renew old and woody shrubs.

Re-engineering doesn't always have to be a major undertaking; it can be as simple as sprucing up with mulch. It may mean adding a focal point such as a fountain, statue, birdbath or water pond.

Once you have a plan in place, small adjustments every year or two will keep you from having to start from scratch.



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### START WITH A GOOD FRAME AND SOLID CONSTRUCTION

For good thermal performance, it's important to choose a well-constructed window made from a sturdy, insulating material. Wood and vinyl are the most common window frame materials, and both are

excellent insulators. Although wood windows were once favored by homeowners because of their traditional place in house design, vinyl is now selected more often for replacement windows.

Homeowners choose vinyl because it's much easier to maintain than wood. Simply washing vinyl windows with soap and water will leave them looking like new.

Wood has kept a place in house design because it can be stained or painted, giving homeowners many choices for interior decoration. Its drawback is that it requires heavy maintenance. But now, a new technology offers homeowners the interior design flexibility of wood with the durability and easy maintenance of vinyl. A well-constructed window also will have features that ensure good insulation and protection against air and water infiltration.

### CHOOSE A THERMALLY EFFICIENT GLAZING

There are three important elements to reaching the best thermal efficiency in today's window glass. Typically, a double-pane insulating window unit is used, and that unit includes a Low "E" coating, a low conductance spacer, and a gas filling between the panes.

Low "E," or "low emittance" coatings comprise microscopically thin layers of metal applied to one surface of the glass in a unit. According to Energy Star guidelines,

Low "E" coatings are the most common way to reduce heat transfer through a window. In heating situations, Low "E" glass can retain inside heat twice as well as clear glass.

In addition to reflecting heat back into a room, Low "E" glass can block infrared heat from the sun, which helps conserve energy in cooling situations. And Low "E" can also block damaging UV rays that can fade carpets and upholstery.

Spacers hold the panes of glass apart in a window unit. To maximize thermal efficiency, spacers should be made with a low-

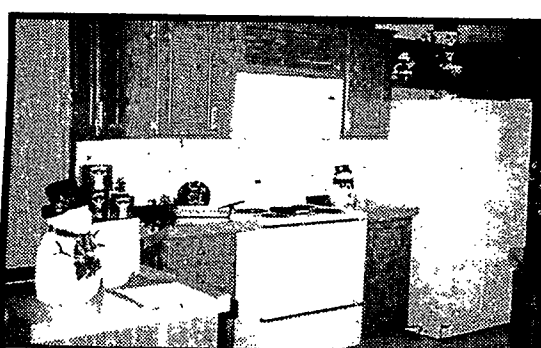
conductive material touching the glass so that heat does not escape.

Finally, adding a gas like argon or krypton between the panes can also increase thermal efficiency. These gases are denser than air and therefore allow less heat to pass through the unit.

There are many windows that are Energy Star certified for one climate region in the United States, but the test of a truly well balanced design is that it is Energy Star certified in all three regions.

Windows are a once-in-a-lifetime purchase. So before you make any decisions, make sure the window brand you are considering will provide you with protection and assurance.

In addition to a solid warranty, it's important to select a window company that will be around to support you in the future.



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## Deck

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deck contractor should be able to offer you additional ideas on placement and layout.

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## Vent-free

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Vent-free products are proven to be clean burning. An independent study by the American Gas Association's Research Division (1995) demonstrated that, when

sized properly for the home, these appliances perform well within nationally recognized recommendations and guidelines for indoor air quality.

Consumer information about vent-free gas products has been made widely available by the Vent-Free Gas Products Alliance. The Alliance is a coalition of 26 members of the Vent-Free Gas Products Division of the Arlington, Va., based Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA). For more information, you may obtain a free 16-page "Consumer Guide to Vent-Free Gas Products" brochure or CD-ROM (with hyperlinks to members' Web sites) by writing to the vent-free Gas Products Alliance at 2111 Wilson Blvd., Suite 600, Arlington, VA 22201 and ask for publication 2000-1. Or, visit the Web site at [www.ventfreealliance.org](http://www.ventfreealliance.org).

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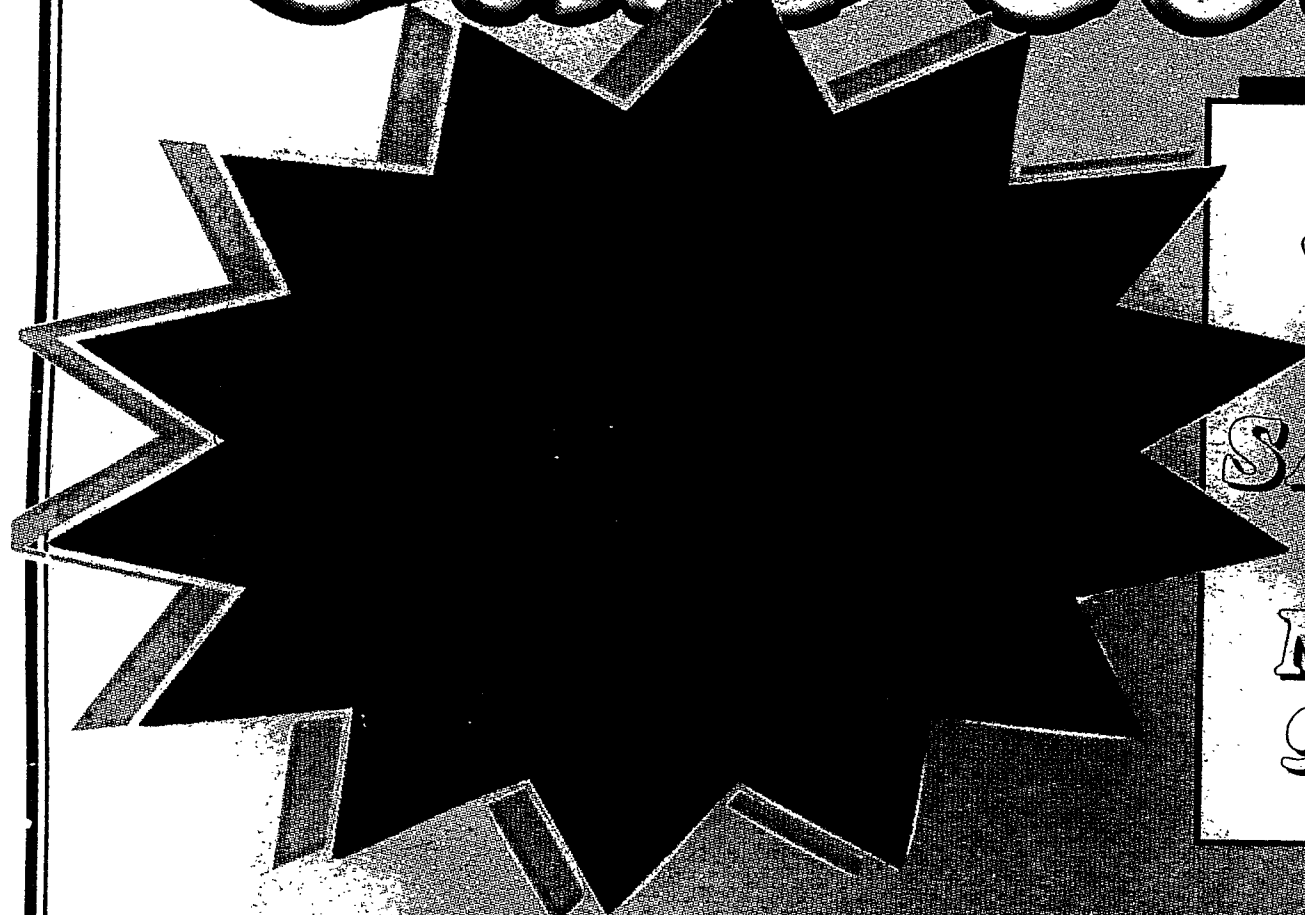
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